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	5c red	2
	10c olive green	3
	12c on 5 red	10
1905	1c green	1
	2c rose	1
	3c brown	1
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	10c gray and black	1
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	2c green	8
	3c orange yellow	8
1897	¼c brown violet	3
	1c yellow	5
	2c orange red	3
	4c yellow brown	4
	5c rose	5
	10c green	5
1898	½c chocolate	1
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	2ch blue	5
	3ch red	5
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	2ch on 25 maroon	6
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109-118	10	" " of 10	3.50	66	10	" 2015
123-126	10	" " " 450	3	10	Bosnia 1n cat 2.5050
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PRICING INITIALED HIGH VALUES.

The order of the postoffice department permitting the initialing of stamp by means of perforations has naturally brought to the front the questions of comparative prices for the higher value with the perforated initials and without them. This is not a new question by any means, as it has long been with us in the case of various European stamps. There is a new side to it now, however. The fact that we have these things at home will no doubt lead to some sort of an adjustment of comparative prices, but it seems scarcely probable that the 50 per cent edict of the cataloguers will stand.

The publisher of a catalogue professing to be a standard can say with more or less impunity what he will and what he will not give space in his catalogue, but when it comes to fixing prices, on lines he does not control, the publisher is at the mercy of the trade and others and he knows it. There are men in the trade who question the wisdom of the Scott company's attempt to price the initialed United States stamps, maintaining that it is a question of condition between buyer and seller. They wonder, as do many collectors, whether another edition of the Scott catalogue will price the initialed stamps of France, Germany and Great Britain, for instance, at the arbitrary half rates, or whether it will continue the policy of silence of the present edition.

ORIGINAL GUM UNDER FIRE.

It is often interesting to watch the trend of events and to note the effect of time on theories. I distinctly remember when the vast majority of collectors considered original gum an absolute essential of the unused stamp, and if, perchance, their inclinations leaned strongly toward the unused kind, the gum on the back outweighed grime and gum creases on the face in their estimate of condition. Gradually, however, this idea lost caste and the view became dominant that the whole theory of collecting unused stamps was based on a desire for first class appearance.

There are many to day who demand original gum, and rightly so perhaps, but with even these collectors the face of the stamp is nevertheless the primary consideration. Others of the unused school now judge condition by the face of the stamp alone, and that they are strong in numbers and influence is evidenced by the recent advertisement of one of the largest dealers in the world to buy unused stamps, in which he flatly says that the face of the stamp must bear close scrutiny and the gum is not essential.

But on the subject of original gum, as in all other matters of collecting policy which are from time to time debated at length, it is well for the collector to remember that is his undisputed and unquestioned privilege to do as he pleases. It is the dealer and speculator who must keep an ear to the ground.

There have been a number of more or less speculative statements made concerning the position of Triangles II and III on Plate No. 170 of the United States, 1895, 2 cent, which have caused much uncertainty as to the facts in the minds of United States specialists. Through courtesy of the director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, reports Charles R. Morris in Mekeel's Weekly, official information is now available. Mr. Morris says: "I was shown the first impression from this plate, which is kept as a record at the Bureau, and I find that the first three rows down the entire left side of the sheet are the Type II and all the balance of the sheet are Type III."

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

A. J. RICE was born in 1865 in Upper Sancon township, Lehigh Co., Pa., at the place known as Applebutter hill, and attended the county public school at the Blue Church Schoolhouse. He went away from home when 13 years old to work on the farm near Bingen, Northampton county, Pa. At this time he started to collect Indian relics and minerals and had a fine collection in a few years. He then loaned it for exhibition purposes at one time, and that was the last of most of the fine specimens. As this was discouraging his collection did not grow very fast, and he had to start new again. After a few years he took up the carpenter trade and is still at it. He then went to live in Coopersburg, near the Coopersburg gold mine. After one year he moved to Bethlehem and lived there about 3 years from which place he moved to Easton, the City of Resources, the place of his residence now. It is located 2 hours ride from New York City, or Philadelphia. Within a 100 mile radius around Easton is one-tenth of the population, and wealth of the United States. Within a two mile radius are found brown hematite, iron ore, mineral oxide, limestone, building stone, serpentine, verdolite, soapstone, brick clay, sand etc. Easton as called the City of Resources, has added a big lot to his mineral collection. The surrounding hills contain a vast amount of fine showy minerals. Also to his Indian relic collection, the banks of the Delaware and Lehigh rivers are very good places for Indian relics. He has added more to his collection at this place, than any other in the state and includes arrows spears, axes, chisels, celts, war clubs, gorgets, hammerstones, pestles, pottery, etc. He has sent many new subscriptions to the WEST

W.W. BARCLAY was born in Los Angeles and has lived there over 18 years.

and is one of the native sons of the Golden West. He began collecting stamps over 10 years ago and postal cards over three years ago, and as he has traveled to nearly every point of interest in North America, has been able to pick up a number of good stamps and postals. He has now in his collection about 5000 stamps and is making a specialty of U. S., as there are a great many stamps in our own country that most of the august collectors of the U.S. ought to save. He has gone into the stamp business and has several good collections for sale. P. A. of A. and chief of Stamp Dept. in the C. U., and a member of several other societies and is the organizer of several clubs.

GEORGE N. HENRY of Stubenville, is widely known among the members of the antlered herd, especially since he began to wear his buckskin coat adorned with 1,300 elk teeth, which is, so far as known, unique, and worth a large sum of money. He was eight years collecting the teeth. He has missed but two Grand Lodge meetings in 18 years and has been at 11 state meetings. By always taking several barrels of Elk emblems on such trips he has made an immense collection of souvenirs, having presented his lodge with 20 large frames, containing 2,700 souvenirs, besides retaining 1,500 others in his private collection. They are from every state in the union and from points as far away as Honolulu, Skagway and Manila. See his ad of Old Guns.

STEPHEN S. FREEMAN. was born in 1884, and at the age of twelve years, started to collect stamps. His mother gave him a lot from her collection, and since then he has collected stamps, coins, tobacco tags, postcards, Indian relics and antiques. His collection of tobacco tags is very good, numbering 175 different kinds of tags, and still growing, and he is always in the market for new tags. He is making a specialty on U. S. copper coins and has over 50 dates. Had his Indian relics illustrated in last year issue of WEST.

C. F. ALKIRE, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, has a collection of spears, arrows, scrapers, drills etc., part of which is shown in the illustrations. He has several thousand specimens from all over the U. S., also a collection of war relics, curios etc. He has been a collector for several years. Will have photo later of his war relics.

JOHN C. EHRMAN collects post cards only, and has over 20,000 of them, (all sent) from over 125 different countries and islands; some places being Gambia, Corea, Fiji, Formosa, Iceland, St. Helena, St. Thomas, Montsurrat I, Azores, Alaska, Madagascar, Siam, etc., and from most places where the UNION has members. Says he has always recommended the WEST to his friends, as he knows it is the best.

RICHARD LOMAX was born in Darwen in 1886, educated at the Wesleyan & Holy Trinity Schools of his city. Being of a business mind he commenced trading in small things such as foreign stamps, and novelties when at school, thus gaining his first knowledge of business. He also collected view postals when at schools had a collection of 2,000, and delighted in collecting postals of British Colonies, have a nice collection of American views. Parted with all his British views same time ago, over 1200, and is only keeping foreign cards and has five albums full. Trades in all kinds of goods, chiefly English, Maltese and Ceylon lace goods, silk, woolens and cotton goods, made up goods, stationery, pictures, postcards, Continental and foreign stamps, etc. Buys on commission, antique goods, coins, medals, and curios. Correspondence invited from dealers and collectors, and will answer per return mail. Also will mail circulars with his amongst genuine buyers. See his advertisement in this issue. Writer of article "Manchester Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Congress" which appeared in the WEST some time ago.

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To the Members of the Southern Philatelic Association:

Another year is before us and we are going to make it the banner year for our association. We now have over three hundred members and will work hard for five hundred by Jan. 1, 1911. Every member should take pleasure in getting new recruits. Send for a bunch of application blanks and start the year right.

We are now a strong and healthy association. We have accomplished much the last year and it does not seem unreasonable to me that we can reach the five hundred mark by 1911. We have to thank the recruiting committee for what it did toward making the association what it is today. Individual efforts were also shown up to good advantage.

I think that Mr. Broadstone, the publisher of our fine official organ, the "PHILATELIC WEST," should be thanked for displaying our reports to such good advantage and doing the association a "good turn" whenever an opportunity was offered.

We now must settle down to work. We want to have an association of high standing and one of strength also. Each and every member will help us by sending in their 1911 dues at once and save our busy secretary much bother, time and expense. Don't put it off! DO IT NOW!

We have a very energetic worker for our Chairman of the Recruiting Committee for the coming year. He will work hard and always has done so for our society. We are going to boom our society this year and the Recruiting Committee should have at least one hundred dollars to do it with. If you are asked to donate a "mite" toward raising this amount I thank you in advance for a liberal donation and know you will not refuse us. I will give a dollar toward the cause and am sure that every officer will do the same and I trust a good many of our members. Give what you can. If you will raise the required amount we will guarantee to make this society rank as one of the best. We have a purpose and should help philately in getting new recruits.

Mr. Stewart is too busy to fill the office of Purchasing Agent and he proposes that Mr. Wichman fills the place. I take pleasure in appointing Mr. H. M. Wichman, of Springfield, Mass., to fill the vacant office. He is a well known philatelist and if you want to know anything about new issues or want new issues of any country—ask him.



Will be pleased to hear from each and every member. Make any suggestions you have in mind for the welfare of the grand old association.

Remember! We must get down to hustling and keep it up. We want a large list of applications for membership and desire to see all members doing the proposing act. This indicates work. We have a large and broad field to work in. Wake up and get busy.. If you feel that you are able to get at least six new members by 1911 ask Mr. Webb to place you on the Recruiting Committee. He will do it. The more on the committee the better it will be. Write to him at once telling him at once that you can get six members and will try your best to at least, and he will see that you are placed on his committee. All the officers are on this committee by the virtues of their respective offices. Mr. Webb only wants hustlers on his committee. Last, but not least, let me remind you again to send in your 1911 dues at once if you have not already done so.

Fraternally and sincerely yours,,

H. S. POWELL, President.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, JANUARY 3, 1910.

Ninety books in circulation, as per last month's report, value.....\$2,077.42
Eight books received since, value..... 82.13

Ninety-eight books, value.....\$2,159.55
Two books retired during the month, of which the amount of
\$7.20 or 30 per cent was sold..... 24.20

Ninety-six books in circulation, value.....\$2,135.35

Insurance Fund.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....\$101.35
One per cent from retired books..... .24

Total amount.....\$101.59

There is a good demand for the better class of stamps. U. S. postage stamps, British Colonies, and 20th Century stamps sell best. Members who have good duplicates to dispose of should patronize this Department, also those members who desire to increase their collections will find many bargains in the S. T. A. salesbook. New members who desire to receive circuits should write me at once, for it takes some time to get them on circuit. Blank salesbooks with printed rules and holding 120 stamps, can be obtained of me at 5 cents each, post free.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ROEMER, Superintendent.

Dear Fellow Members:

Having accepted the office as your Purchasing Agent for the coming year I trust at its close that a much better report can be given than the one which my predecessor was obliged to give.

To test your ambition, I call your attention to a plan which is being carried out in a very satisfactory way., all new issues are obtained at a low rate of percentage over face, plus the postage, which insures perfect specimens, also single stamps of the older issues at prices much less than can be purchased of dealers.

To correctly order from each country I must be informed the values you require in each new set. Bulgaria, Portugal and Salvador are soon to issue new stamps and as I have a standing order with correspondents in each of these countries, the number of stamps wanted can be increased by your advise to me. Thanking you in advance in anticipation of a prosperous department, I am

H. M. WICHMAN.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Applications.

1. W. O. Staab, 505 E. Water St., Milwaukee, Wis., 38; Charles Roemer, C. P. S. Proposed by Charles Roemer.
2. Walter J. Ossege, Box 834, Cincinnati, Ohio, 21, bookkeeper; R. L. Doak, A. P. S. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

3. Minneapolis Stamp Co., 2020 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., Chas. Zellman, C. L. Sawyer. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
4. A. Hansen, Hubbard Woods, Ill., 16, student; Marie Hansen. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
5. Earnest L. Keeran, Kansas City, Mo., 25, Letter Carrier; M. H. Berger, M. O. Canfield. Proposed by M. O. Canfield.
6. Stevenson B. Whitehead, 613 Madison Ave., Lakewood, N. J., Legal Treasurer, T. C. Meehan. Proposed by J. N. S. Brewster, Jr.
7. Merlin E. Wells 83 Melville St., Rochester, N. Y., 22, Stockkeeper, Thos. C. Disbrow. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
8. Alex McKee, 1627 Dickson Ave., Scranton, Pa., 16, student, August Mack, A. W. McKee. Proposed by August Mack.
9. (Miss) Emily E. Brown, 178 Hawley St., Binghamton, N. Y., Legal Teacher, August Mack, Arthur E. Knox. Proposed by August Mack.
10. Alex W. Stewart, 115 W. 14th St., Lincoln, Neb., Legal Dealer, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
11. Joseph A. Kelly, 109 S 15th St., Omaha, Neb., 21, Bank Clerk, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
12. Edw. D. Kirkland, 722 S. McKinley Ave., Canton, Ohio, 29, Sheet Mill Roller, Frank Stubbé, J. C. Morgau. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
13. Leonard Fox, 212 Lincoln Ave., Shawnee, Okla., 40, Stone and Marble Cutter, L. Brodstone, H. J. Moyle. Proposed by A. A. Hyde.
14. Mrs. C. S. Smith, 305 D St., Marysville, Calif., Stationer, Rideout Bank, A. L. Brown & Co. Proposed by Maynard Frank.
15. Rudolph Janicke Artist, Sta C, St Joseph, Mo. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
16. Rev. A. Myers, Shamokin, Pa., R. R. Herold D Yergey
17. B G. Kendall, 91 Broadway Holmes, Detroit, Mich. Proposed by L. Brodstone
18. J. R. Peterson Dealer, Eddyville, S. Dak., Farmers Bank. Pro. by L. Brodstone
19. Jerome Taylor, North Sutton, N. H. Proposed by L. Brodstone
20. W. W. Barclay, Los Angeles, Calif., 2955 Roxbury Ave, H. Barclay proposed by H. C Saint

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the secretary prior to that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Eben S. Martin from Evergreen, Ala., to 30 N. High St., Columbus, O.
 Rev. G. Emil Richter from Stamford, Conn., to R. F. D. 43, Norwalk, Conn.
 A. W. Dunning from Newton, Mass., to care Sebastia & Reali, Rome, Italy.
 Geo. Wood from Chicago, Ill., to 1200 E. Nevada St., El Paso, Texas.
 Hubert C. Scofield from Reno, Nev., to New Ulm, Minn.
 Nellis Welling from 244 Penna Block to 202 Penna Block, Butte, Mont.
 J. C. E. Schmidt from Troup, Texas, to State Experiment Station, Lubbock, Texas.

Once more has the Southern Philatelic Association passed another mile stone and left its prints on the sands of 1909. But, Dear Members have all of you left a print there? Have you been striving hard for new members and failed? If this has been the destined end of your efforts for 1909; take heart and courage and go to work with renewed vigor this year.. We need more labor in the field, more members who are loyal and willing to work for the cause of Philately.

Our efforts in the past have been fruitful and if it be the wishes of the members we can make this year eclipse all others. Are you willing to come forward and lend a good word and an invitation to that friend, if so let me hear from you and I will send you all the blanks you can use. How many may it be?

SECOND CALL FOR DUES.

Many as have responded to my call last month for dues, yet there are some which have thus far been silent. Have you sent in that small amount, 50c, to keep you in good standing during 1910? Don't wait for a personal invitation, as the Secretary is too busy to send one to all.

Hoping that one and all will attend to this matter ere February, I am,

Fraternally,

R. L. DOAK, Secretary.

STAMP FAD HAS ITS GRIP ON THE HIGH AND LOW.

"Two cent stamp, please!"

The pennies clicked, the stamp was shoved under a grate. A little red tongue shot from between ruby lips, caressing the lower surface of the government mail passport, the missive was dropped in a slot and the correspondent tripped on her way.

But—that doesn't tell the story of stamps.

There are stamps and stamps. As well, some cost more than others.

The government's most costly stamp is the \$1 issue, but there have been stamps issued by the United States postal department that are worth \$150 and \$200 and even \$600.

Do they find a market?

Ask any member of the Southern Philatelic society.

Some scoff at stamp collection, just as some laugh at marbles as a game. But even marbles have their lessons—and stamps have theirs.

It is a safe guess that any student of philately in Milwaukee will know more about the location and characteristics of most foreign countries, "without looking," than most others.

Any stamp collector knows that the first federal stamp was issued in 1847 and that before that each postoffice had its own stamp, and by the same token, most others would have to consult history to learn that fact.

Incidentally, the 5 and 10 cent stamps issued in that year are worth from \$1 to \$5. The 24 and 30 cent stamps issued in 1851-1865 are worth \$150 and \$200 each. What is known as the St. Louis bear stamp, issued in 1845, now is worth \$250.

In 1869 the government issued a set of stamps, ranging in value from 1 to 90 cents. In that issue the 30 cent stamp bore the flag and coat of arms. In some the flag was inverted. These inverted flag stamps now are among the most valued by stamp hunters and they command \$600 as their price.

A similar accident in printing has made the value of the Buffalo Pan-American 2 cent stamp \$185. On these the picture of a locomotive is inverted.

In 1902 and 1903 a \$5 stamp was issued. Later they were called in and specimens now in existence are held at \$7.50.

Before the envelope known as the penalty envelope, for the transmission of federal business, was introduced, each department had its own stamp. Of these the state department, \$5 stamp now is worth \$150.

A strange tale is told by collectors. American stamps are not popular among American collectors. They are more popular abroad. The reason is that a United States law forbids the printing of fac similes of stamps. Thus catalogues can not carry illustrations of them. Because of this drawback the American Philatelic society is engaged in an effort to have the law repealed.

Imagine a stamp worth \$7,500.

You, who drop a postal for a cent, might scoff at the notion. Yet, that is what the prince of Wales paid recently for a 2 pence stamp of Mauritius—and he had a standing offer for the stamp from the prince of Wurtemberg.

In Milwaukee there is a doctor who has a collection of German stamps valued at \$5,000. It is one of the finest in existence. There are at least two libraries of stamp literature in the city. They do not tell of the "stamp language," but they contain a wonderful fund of information on stamp science.

Stamp collectors term themselves scientists in a measure and well they may, when one finds the depth of their quest, and the breadth of knowledge gained through their efforts to gather rare stamps.

On the third Friday of each month a score or more gather in room 709, Germania building, to talk stamps, buy stamps and exchange stamps.

Perhaps they may go home and dream of wonderful stamps of rare beauty and fanciful value—but, even at that, there are worse things to dream about.—Milwaukee Daily Paper.

NOTES FOR U. S. COLLECTORS.

I recently saw the current one-cent used at Augusta, Me., with a portion of the cancellation plainly appearing on the stamp, but not on the wrapper, in such a manner that the only inference could be that the stamps were hand cancelled in sheets before use, therefore a precancelled.

I recently picked up a specimen of the one-cent value with a large sized blot of the printing ink immediately in front of Franklin's mouth, making the appearance that that worthy was just smoking his pipe and trying to blow out rings of smoke.

A correspondent informs me that the special delivery stamp now being issued to postmasters are printed in a richer, darker shade of ultra-marine than those issued prior to the advent of the green stamp.

Mr. E. S. Martin is the authority stating that the scarcest U. S. stamp listed under \$1.00 is the one-cent postoffice with gray surfaced finish.

In a recent number of a German paper, a dealer in the "Vaterland" advertises complete sets of Jamestown issue at five cents and sets of Louisiana Purchase at sixteen cents.

A prominent eastern firm recently quoted prices on shades of the Columbian issue and listed the gray-black variety unused at fifty per cent more than the brownish shade.

With the change of rate in registration the thirteen cent stamp's usefulness will pass and it is doubtful if the stamp will be continued after the present supply is exhausted. It looks like a better stamp to hold than the green special.

The last year that the postal department "made money" was in 1883, when its receipts were \$45,508,692.61 and its expenses were \$43,282,944.43, making a net profit of \$2,225,748.18.

Mr. Ernest F. Runyon in McKeel's reports a minor variety of the Hudson-Fulton stamp. It is the upper right hand corner stamp in plate 5390. There is a small horn in the left scroll of the U. S. postage label, the o of two is broken and entirely separated and the o in celebration is broken at the bottom.

Minneapolis permit No. 1 is used by the Northwestern Agriculturist upon its advertising matter.

E. K. ALDRICH.

KITTANNING PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Organized Nov. 10, 1909.

Officers: President, J. H. O'Bern; Vice President, L. M. Wanner; Sec'y-Treasurer, S. W. Reese; Executive Committee, R. R. Moore, J. M. Wanner, W. F. Reese.

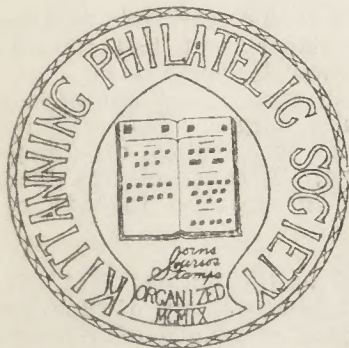
The purpose of the Society is the collection and preservation of stamps, coins and curios of all kinds. Anyone desiring any information address Samuel Reese, 1336 N. Grant Ave., Kittanning, Pa.

Partial list of members: 1 L. M. Wanner; 2 J. H. O'Bern; 3 S. W. Reese; 4 W. H. Stouffer; 5 W. F. Reese; 6 R. R. Moore; 7 L. A. O'Bern. See illustration of officers in next number.

ERRATA: In page ad of Mecca Co., Set No. 12, cat price is 35c not 5c.

The collection of the late John F. Seybold is to be sold again, this time at auction. Mr. Seybold died in Syracuse last August, and the collection he had formed became the property through private sale of John T. Coit, a New York banker, the purchase price given out being \$26,000.

The supply of Canal Zone surcharges printed by the American Bank Note company is estimated to last two years. This will give collectors a respite from contradictory reports of errors, minor varieties and the like. Let us hope, too, that it will give the dealers ample time to get together on a list of the real and the unreal that will not require revision on the arrival of the next steamer from the vicinity of the big ditch.



WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. V. Perkins

The new stamps on colored paper are expected to be placed on sale early in the coming year. It is now expected that the 2 cent value will have a different design from the present Washington head set, some representation of the American eagle being favored by the officials.

The Government Printing Office has completed the installation of an elaborate plant for printing the postal cards, the designs of which were described last month. The actual work will begin January 1, and some idea of the size of the contract which the Public Printer has undertaken will be had when it is understood that the Government required something over three million cards a day. The paper to be used will be thinner, but of a finer grade than at present.

A number of prominent Danish-American citizens have petitioned the Post Office to establish a 2 cent letter rate between Denmark and the United States, and the Danish Government has been sounded as to its attitude in the matter.

The President, in his recent message, asked Congress for legislation imposing a higher rate of postage upon magazines and periodicals, pointing out that the present rate of 1 cent a pound for second class matter annually causes a deficit of sixty-three million dollars. It appears that the average haul of daily newspapers is 291 miles, while that of magazines is 1,049 miles, yet the magazines pay the same rate per pound as the newspapers, so that some scheme of equalization might be made here. The average cost of such matter is computed to be 9 cents per pound.

As usual at the opening of Congress, the Post Office at Washington has been deluged with all kinds of odds and ends sent by incoming members of Congress. Since the memorable incident of the holding up of Senator Tellman's typewriter until he had paid postage on it, last year, the Post Office has been pretty strict in this regard. The fruit of the embargo this year included several typewriters, two baby carriages, and several jugs (contents not stated), on each of which was found a legislative frank, but which nevertheless were held up until charges were paid.

The Dead Letter Office Christmas auction sale came off as usual this year. Like the rolling of eggs on the White House lawn on Easter, the Dead Letter sale is an annual feature to be found in Washington only. This year there were over 7,000 packages auctioned off, each containing from four to ten articles. While the packages are wrapped in paper and sold that way to the highest bidder, a catalogue is issued enumerating the articles in each lot, though nothing is said as to the probable value. The sale lasts a week and anywhere from 50 cents to \$15 is bid on the lots. Many amusing incidents happen during the sale. One bulging package was run up to 2.40 and bought by a man who said he was not married. He found it to contain a card of black satin, 5 yards silk trimming braid, 20 cheap handkerchiefs, 2 pair women's hose, infant's socks, and a child's waist. In another case a package was inadvertently bought by a woman who thought she was bidding on the next package in the catalogue. She was greeted by a loud "Stung" from those around her, when the package was found to contain a man's balbriggan undersuit, two tobacco pipes, damaged razor and an augur bit. This element of chance has brought much adverse criticism, but the Post Office keeps it up each year. Can't blame them much, though, when the receipts each year average twelve to fifteen thousand dollars.

The stamped bank check St. Louis series, variety "O" 1. is the rarest of all issued. See Mr. Dorpat's ad. offering one for sale. This is the only copy offered for years. Most bank check collectors want it.



PAPERS desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoefflichst gebeten ein Tauscheemplar egelmassig an den Untereichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont pries ienvover un exemplaire en echage a l'adresse sous-donnee.

Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerra la adressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis. U.S.A B37

Mr. Oscar T. Hartmann of Denver has sent us his BULLETIN No. 7, in which he offers a lot of bargains in foreign revenues, his specialty. Those who have never seen any of these stamps might do well to get one of Mr. Hartmann's 100 variety packets to make themselves acquainted with this interesting branch of philately.

While writing this review there comes No. 8 of Melville's Stamp Books, treating British New Guinea and Papua. Even a hurried glance shows that it is up to the usual standard of excellence. In the Introductory Note Mr. Melville says: "We prefer to retain only such definite varieties as may readily be perceived by all keen students. It is of little avail to the philatelist if he should discover to himself a variety which he cannot get others to see equally clearly with himself; a claim on the attention of collectors generally." Some of these stamps, it must be remembered, are so poorly lithographed that it is possible, by a careful study of details, to assign to every stamp its particular place on the sheet by noticing its particular defects.

The SOUTHERN PHILATELIST which in August started with four pages has now eight of them. From it we take the news that the Russian Levant stamps in all values, up to 70 piastres, are to be overprinted with the names of the ten different towns in the Levant in which they are issued. The overprints will probably be in Russian characters. This will mean about 90 new stamps to add to our Russian collection. In its Notes on New Issues the S. PH. is ahead of many an older and larger paper. We wish it further growth and success all around.

The MADRID FILATELICO announces the publication of ANUARIO FILATELICO ESPANOL para 1910, that is a philatelic annual or directory in Spanish which will contain, besides the names of collectors and dealers in Spain and Spanish speaking countries, the names of societies and an accumulation of philatelic notes, a philatelic dictionary and models of letters for philatelic correspondence in various languages, also a list of periodicals and handbooks, and last but not least a description of some notable collections. This shows that philately in Spain is not yet dying out, and that efforts are being made to further strengthen.

Another new comer is the ATTLEBORO PHILATELIST, published by F. Percy Collingwood of Attleboro, Mass., that is a new comer with a new colored cover. Two numbers had been issued without cover, the third is the one wearing the new coat for the first time. From the contents we take the following: "In the next number of the Attleboro Philatelist will appear for the first time a complete list of all U. S. precancelled stamps, issued since January 1st, 1908. The list will be compiled by Frank B. Eldredge, who is one of the best known authorities on these interesting stamps." It seems precancelled stamps are steadily gaining popularity. In Canada, Belgium and Germany they are also receiving attention. We shall await the complete list with interest.

From Mr. Albert Friedemann, Leipzig, we have received his price list for 1910, in which he enumerates stamps in sets from all parts of the world, packets,

single stamps from the German Protectorates, albums and other things useful for philatelists.

The Monthly Bargain List of the Hussman Stamp Co. for November is also at hand. It is of about the same size as the stamp weeklies and consists of eight pages. May be had for the asking.

Still another price list comes from the Senf brothers of Leipzig. It deals principally with packets, the Illustrierte Briefmarken-Journal and Senf's catalog for 1910.

Auction catalogs we have from the United Stamp Co., Chicago, and the Toledo Stamp Co., Toledo. Other compilers of auction catalogs who wish their sales mentioned in the WEST will please send copies to L. G. Dorpat W, Wayside, Wis.

Other papers received: Scott's Circular, the Hobbyist, the Stamp Lover, the Stamp Collectors Fortnightly, Mekeels and Redfields Weeklies, Appletons Weekly, the West End Philatelist, Der Philatelist and Der Deutsche Philatelist.

DER DEUTSCHE PHILATELIST, No. 7 devotes a good deal of space to the definition of the word "Neudruck," reprint in English. Some German collectors claim that a stamp which was printed before a new issue was put on sale is not a reprint. Hauptmann Ohrt on the contrary claims that a stamp printed from an old plate after it had definitely been replaced by new plates of a different design, is a reprint, even if the originals from the same plate are yet in use. The controversy originated over the latest printings of the stamps for the Marshall Islands with the surcharge spelled with a "c" Marschall. It is claimed that after the new spelling "Marshall" without a "c" had been ordered and a supply printed and sent to the islands, the old plate was again put to press and a new printing was made with the spelling "Marschall"—now including the 25 and 50 pfennig, which had never so been surcharged for use in the islands—and that the stamps of this new printing were never sent to the islands, nor intended to be, but turned over to the Postal Museum or sold to collectors in Berlin. Ohrt calls them Neudrucke or reprints, whilst others call them "Sonderausgabe" or special issue, "Berliner Ausgabe" or Berlin issue, or even originals. 'Although the stamps with the new spelling had not yet arrived in the island when this last printing of stamps with the old spelling was made, it seems that Hauptmann Ohrt is right in calling the stamps of this last printing from the plate with the old spelling reprints, because they were not made for postal use at all, but for the use of the Museum and for sale to collectors—and that, after the manufacture of stamps with the old spelling had definitely ceased as far as postal use was concerned. It is true that, if any of these after-prints were privately sent to the islands, they could for some time yet be used for postage—and it is claimed that some were so used—but nevertheless they were not intended to be sent there not to be so used, and all that might be gained for them in this way would be the name of re-issues. Re issues, however, if they are not taken, from an old stock of remainders, but especially printed for the special purpose, are nothing more not less than a kind of reprints. Re-issues may be of two kinds, old original stock for a time withdrawn and then again put into use and stamps of an afterprinting, i.e. stamps printed from an old plate of retired design. Reprints may also be of two kinds they may be valid for postage—and then we call them re-issues, even if they were not primarily intended for actual use in the mails—or they may not be good for postage—and then we call them reprints simply. That is, as far as we know, the American and also the English use of the terms. On November 30th, 1908, the Reichs-Postamt, general post office, declared that, after an investigation at the printery, it could say that reprints of the first issue of the Marschall islands were never made.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

602. Where can I buy the best Stamp Hinges? Most dealers say they have the best. The quality of most of them, however, is so near alike that it makes little difference where you buy them, provided you get them from any reliable dealer as good peelable hinges at 10 to 15 cents a thousand. I prefer those of larger size, as they can in many instances be cut in two, and be made to serve farther than the small ones.

603. What Stamp Society should I join? None at all, unless you are satisfied that it will do you good to join it. You will find many societies mentioned in *The West*. Read all that is said about them, select the one which you think is nearest your ideal, get further information from the secretary, and then do as you think best for your interests. Without knowing you personally, it is impossible for me to direct you to the berth that will suit you best. The S. P. A. is the second in age and size in the U. S., and best Sales Department of all,

604. What Stamp Dealer would you recommend me to buy from? This question, like several of the previous ones, is rather difficult to answer for the simple reason that I do not know your requirements. I might also be unjust by recommending a friend, while elsewhere you might find more satisfaction. In a general way I may recommend to you any one of the dealers who advertise regularly in *The West*, but at the same time I cannot guarantee you satisfaction from any one. Patronize those that promise you satisfaction or the return of your money. To give you a lists of all that I consider worthy would mean several pages of free ads.

605. What is the difference between lilac and violet? Both are mixtures of red and blue. In the lilac the red predominates, in the violet shades the blue predominates, but in those shades where neither seems to predominate it is often difficult to decide whether they should be called lilac or violet. It frequently happens therefore, that what one collector calls lilac another will call violet. By many violet is understood to comprise a wider range than lilac.

606. What do you think of collecting stamps of a mother country with colonial cancellations? I think that this is as legitimate a branch of specialistic philately as any. We find that in most colonies before they received their own stamps, the stamps of their mother countries were used. They may be known by their cancellations. In England and in Germany there are a good many collectors who study these cancellations and collect them, and I do not see why it should not be done elsewhere by anyone who is so inclined. In regard to the prices of these colonially cancelled stamps it must be remembered that they are in most cases rare, even very rare, and hard to get, consequently it may be necessary to pay pretty big prices for some of them, but on the other hand, that comparatively few collectors care for them or know to distinguish the colonial postmarks, that there is little demand for them and that consequently many of them may be picked up at the very low prices of the common stamps of the mother country. If everybody collected them, they should be worth ten to a hundred times more. As it is, they are now worth full catalog price of the best copies used in the mother country or a little more, perhaps one and one half times to twice as much.

607. Sometimes it happens that a stamp is cancelled in some other country

than that to which it belongs. Is such a stamp worth more on that account? I hardly think so, that is I know of no one who would pay more for such a stamp, than he would be willing to pay for it if it had been canceled in its home country, and as long as there is no one willing to pay a premium on such stamps we can hardly say that they are worth more. There may be widely different causes though for the occurrence of such "foreign" cancellations. One is simple error or oversight. The stamp escaped cancellation in its proper place and gets a cancellation at any other place where the error may be noticed. It may also happen that a child, an ignorant or a tricky person affixes a stamp of some foreign country to a letter or card, and in the rush of business it passes through the mails unnoticed, and thus gets the regular cancellation as though it were all right. I have seen revenues that had passed in this way. It might also happen that a domestic double or return card be sent to a foreign country and the deficiency, of postage be made up by stamps of the country whence the card originated. When such a return card is mailed for reply the foreign stamps are cancelled in the country whence the reply originates. There may still be other ways, how a stamp may get a cancellation of a foreign country, for instance where one country sustains a postal agency in another country and the like. It has even happened that one country lent some of its stamps to some other country, or that the army of one country entered the territory of another and took its own stamps along etc. etc.

608. What do you think of collecting post marks or cancellations? I think I have answered that question before, and would say now as then that I see no reason to prevent one from doing so if he be so inclined. I might add that a blank album or a series of loose leaves would be most suitable for keeping such a collection. It should also be arranged according to some system, and the collector should try to learn when each mark came into use and when it was retired. Notes to that effect would make such a collection much more valuable.

609. Are the prices in Scott's Catalog right? Yes, I think they are, considering how exacting most collectors nowadays are in regard to condition. It would be quite wrong though to apply Scott's price to all kinds of condition of a stamp, as the catalog says: "the prices we quote for rare stamps are for specimens in FINE condition." Anything that is better than FINE should bring higher prices, and anything that is less good should bring lower prices. In regard to common stamps, such as are priced from 1 to 5 cents each, I think this is applicable as well. Fine specimens of these are not so common as one might think. On an average the number of FINE specimens found in a thousand of common stamps is not more than 1 to 10; these should be worth Scott's prices, if not more in some cases; while the others are worth one half to one tenth, or even one hundredth, of the catalog quotation. Some of the foreign catalogs as a rule quote lower prices for U. S. stamps than does Scott's. This is not out of the way, because British catalogs, too, are highest on British stamps, French catalogs on French stamps, German catalogs on German stamps, etc., and may be explained by the simple fact that stamps are without much exception worth more in their home country than anywhere else, the demand for them being there greater than elsewhere. Another point that must be borne in mind is, that Scott's catalog prices are retail prices; if stamps are sold in sets, lots or packets, they are cheaper, especially so if the quality is not uniformly first rate.

610. Is a Stamp Dealer required to pay a licence or tax and, if so, how much? I have never heard of any such thing. It may be, however, that locally a licence or tax may be required from any one who wishes to sell stamps, or anything else at public auction. Can any of our readers give any further information?

Kronik Kickers Kolum

If you have any kicks to register send them to A. H. care of the WEST office. We will give publicity to all kicks deserving of attention. Only philatelic subjects handled. Now start some thing.

J. C. W. wants to enter a kick against the dealers who send out unsolicited approval sheets. He says that since his name has appeared as an applicant for membership in a stamp society he has been flooded with price lists, auction catalogues, sample copies of stamp papers, and what is still worse he says that he has been the recipient of a large number of approval books and sheets which he never requested, and he wants to know if he is compelled to return such approval lots. Well, J. C. W., you certainly have good cause for a kick, but you should overlook such trivial matters, and remember that while the sending of such lists, catalogues, approval sheets etc. may be annoying you, the same thing has happened to hundreds and hundreds of collectors besides yourself. Of course the sending of unsolicited approval selections is a practice not to be commended and should never be encouraged, but when a dealer encloses sufficient postage for the return of his goods we must agree that unless a collector wants to be dishonest it is his duty to send back such stamps to the owners thereof. It's a well merited kick—but what's the use?

Philately's three best sellers: Scotts, Brights, Lincolns—all works of fiction.

You can buy stamps at your own price at auction, provided the other fellow doesn't get them at his price.

Nobody cares much for the fellow who brags about the collection he had fifteen years ago.

Ever notice that if a stamp is catalogued at just about its real value nobody seems to have any to sell?

It makes us smile to see the stuff that some of the philatelic papers are dishing up these days. One editor is using a lot of material which appeared some ten or twelve years back, under his name.

Notice that dealers and others make a fuss about the "boy collector"—nobody ever says anything in favor of the girl collector."

"Remember, that people who advertise in stamp papers are not always dealers. Some are merely trying to sell their duplicates.

If you want to receive a large mail, get in line with the others and start a new philatelic paper. The big mail you will get—will be requests for sample copies.

Better watch the fellow who is willing to swap for your badly centered copies. He may be handing you something worse.

If a dealer advertises a long list of "bargains" and you send him an order and get "credit slips" in place of stamps you've got good grounds for a huge kick in this department.

John F. Seybold's Unique Collection--By Norcross

ITS RECENT SALE FOR \$26,000.00

Last August occurred the death of Mr. Seybold at his home in Syracuse, N.Y., and the first thought of the writer at that time was to wonder what would be the disposition of his magnificent collection of postage stamps which were the result of a life time and unique because it was probably the first one ever made entirely on original covers as mailed at the time of their use for postage.

This collection was sold on December 13th last by Mr. John B. Howe of Syracuse for the Seybold Estate to Mr. John T. Coit, a wealthy banker of New York City for \$26,000.00 and so this collection will still be kept intact and not disposed of at auction as was first expected.

This collection is perhaps the first and finest in the world to be had on original covers and is the work of the past forty three years of collecting while during the past fifteen years Mr. Seybold has been constantly on the lookout both in this country and Europe for stamps on their original letters and it is in every sense a general collection of the world but of course he had some special favorite countries of which I would make special mention here: His accumulations of the Old German States and Switzerland were of the rarest and most valuable in the world while those of Spain, Canada and Newfoundland were from the dreams of most stamp lovers. The countries of Ceylon, Hawaii, and the Australian Colonies were some of his favorites. Those of the United States and the Confederate States contained gems as he had not only the regular issues complete but many of the very rare Old Local Issues all on their original covers.

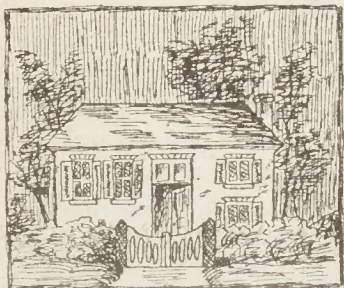
He had during these years put together about 80,000 distinct varieties of postage stamps from every part of the world and his hobby or fad as was termed caused him to expend large amounts of money which some of his friends considered a great extravagance, but as a matter of fact it has now proved to be a very wise and prudent investment as he had expended about \$12,000.00 on his stamps which now have sold for over twice that amount.

From an investment point of view the purchase of such stamps as the Hawaiian numeral stamps at prices of from 25c to \$1.25 during the years of 1870-1880 and which are now worth from \$15.00 to \$50.00. Each shows some profit. Then he had a strip of six 1847—10c black on original cover for which he paid \$125.00 and a number of the vertical and diagonal half of these stamps on their original covers used as 5c stamps which are very hard to obtain now. He also had a strip of six 90c stamps of the 1869 issue which were one of his proudest possessions while the other United States were complete even to the high values which were very hard to obtain in a used condition as they had to be procured in Europe where they were used to send large packages of valuable securities from this country by registered first class mail.

The rare Sydney views of the early New South Wales are very hard for a collector to find but this collection contained a great number of unusually fine specimens.

One of the very rare old Brattleboro, Vt., postmaster stamps was in this collection, while of the St. Louis postmaster stamps he had a number of fine copies which are nearly as rare as the Brattleboro stamp, while his accumulation of Department and Reveune stamps was complete even to the rare \$500.00 black, green and red stamp of the second issue.

We would only say that Mr. Howe was fortunate to make this sale to a party who will keep the magnificent collection, as for several weeks it was looked over by stamp dealers and experts with the possible view of purchasing.



Bournemouth -
Wm. Lee,
Head,
Lymington

Dear Sir, We
are having
the time of
our lives,
and you
were with
us.

Jack,
4.2.06

ACROSS THE POND

H. STANLEY



By W. H. C. of Liverpool

Japanese stamps are coming over in large quantities and in many of the novelty and fancy shops in Liverpool they are offered—forty different, neatly mounted on a very attractive sheet, embellished with National coat of arms and flags, at six cents the set complete.

During a recent visit to Bournemouth, and the south of England, I was much struck by the notices in a number of stamp dealers' windows to the effect that During the Bright Sunny Weather all our best stamps are kept inside, and this needs no criticism, for we all know as collectors, when a stamp has been in the sun. Large numbers of South Australian stamps are coming over perforated O. S. Can any reader say if this is done for official purposes, or is it the initials of some private firm. At last we are to have aluminum coins and the French Government will take the initiative in the matter for in the New Year they will place three new coins in circulation. These aluminum coins will offer many advantages. They are self cleaning, less liable to carry disease, much lighter for the pocket, and when left about for any length of time, do not set up "local action" in the damp, like a copper coin.

Railway stamps in circulation on the Liverpool Overland Electric Railway are now being cancelled with rubber stamp square design, Railway Parcel Stamp cancelled date and L. O. R.

The British postoffice might, with advantage, invest a few pounds in new hand stamps, for some of their latest cancellations are vile. I recently "waded through" 739 postmarks and found only 18 properly struck—many were unreadable.

Many people collect spoons (why shouldn't they) especially the souvenir variety with their beautiful coats of arms and Heraldic devising and I read that a number of spoons of the gilt fruit pattern rat-tail design, were lately sold for thirty one dollars, and they have lately been found to be the work of a famous goldsmith, Arthur Mangee, of the 17th century. The buyer has just refused an offer of one thousand dollars for them in Leeds.

Mr. John Burns, M. P., is a great book lover, and some time ago when removing, carried all his valuable books into their new abode, sooner than trust them to strangers and he recently paid five thousand dollars for a folio copy of Shakespeare.

There are some curious people on this old mud ball, proper meddlesome Maty's in fact one such crowd recently sent petition to the postal congress asking them to use their efforts or Horse power, to stop the sale or issue of speculative stamps. What has "spec" stamps to do with these fellows, I wonder, if col-

lectors are soft enough to buy them. That is the collectors' look out and he does not require a lot of old women to look after him and his money. People have a perfect right to collect old books, spoons, match labels, "spec issues" or anything they think fit, and I for one refuse to allow any such gentry to parcel out for me my pocket money. It is interfering with the liberty of the subject.

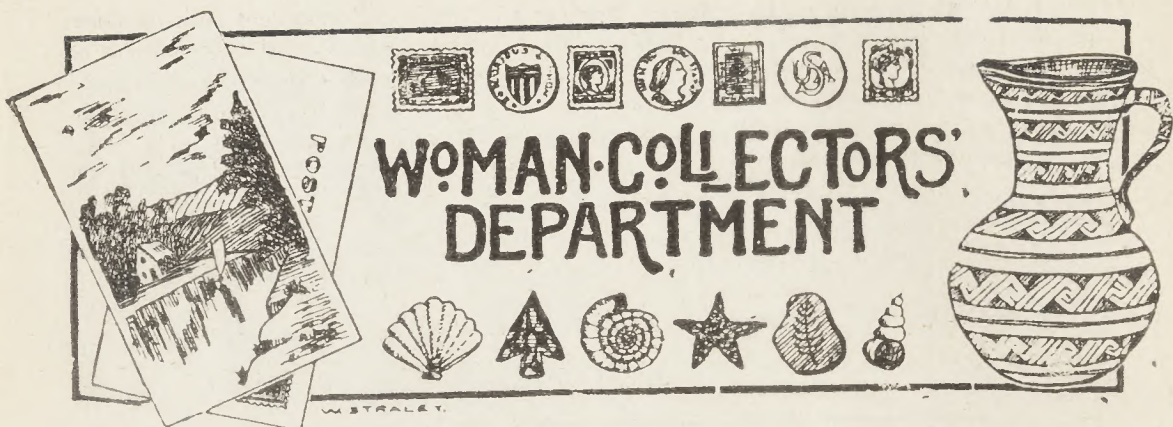
As a side study to philately forgeries, Commemorative and Spec. issues are very interesting, and when found should be made a note of. Any that I stumble across I place in a special book reserved for them,—but bless you, as to signing a petition—well I might join a society whose object was to do away with ugly issues of postage stamps, and by way of a start they could commence without "fagie" green King Edward halfpenny and is that if not sufficient, I have a full list awaiting a claimant, but I shall not require a petition or deputation, for it, you may be sure.

I was amused with Be a Clipper in a recent issue of the West, and should like to say that I have been a clipper for the last 25 years, but confine myself to postal and philatelic clippings from hundreds of papers, whose objects are now philatelic and as "others see us", is the name bestowed on my volume. Some day I will give it to the collecting world at large—it will be a veritable eye-opener. These thousand and one cuttings and sketches from everywhere!

Mr. A. E. Milner, 76 Goodrick St., Birmingham, has issued a catalogue of Red post paid stamps, for when all is done and said, in spite of the funny one, they are stamps, and collectors will do well to send him a nimble sixpence for a copy. This catalogue will become rare in time and greatly increase in value. "Nuf sed". A word to the wise, etc., get it now.

At Liverpool Police Court lately, a lady was charged with fraudulently using for postal purposes an adhesive stamp, which had been removed from other instruments, within the meaning of the Stamp Act, with intent that such stamp might be used again. Mr. Shaw of Somerset House, London, said that on the 14th, 16th and 20th of July letters were noticed at the Liverpool sorting office, the stamps of which had writing ink over them, apparently concealing the cancelling mark. On the back of one of the letters was written: "Excuse the blots—ink upset on all my stamps". The letters were carefully examined and found to bear stamps that had been through the post previously. On the 23rd of July a post office official called upon the lady, who made a very curious and original excuse. She stated that she had a parrot which escaped from its cage and upset an inkstand. The bird walked through the ink and then it passed over the stamps, smearing them with the fluid. She denied that the stamps had been used before. "The bird," added Mr. Shaw, "must have been a very discriminating one, for the ink blots only appeared where there were postal cancellation marks." The entire were sent to the Government laboratory and it was proved postmarks were there, though the lady had attempted to hide them by blots. She regretted her position and appealed for leniency, but was fined ten dollars and costs in each of the three cases.

Officials at Bangor (Wales) post office had a lively time in the early hours of the morning recently, owing to the proceedings of a snake discovered by one of them in a cardboard box addressed from LLANBEDR to Birmingham. The snake was quiet enough when first discovered, but on being disturbed it leapt viciously at an official's face, and it was only by darting back with equal agility that he escaped a bite. Mr. Reptile's fury increased, and he fairly chased the men about the office, finally darting up an open chimney, where it was killed. It measured 26 inches in length when dead. No one knows what species it belonged to for it was buried before any naturalist saw it. (To be continued).



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(American and English publications desiring an impartial review in this periodical will please forward specimen copy marked "For Review" to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, 1, k Bx Dallas, Pa)

There are few persons to whom the little Red Cross Christmas stamp is not one of the pleasantest memories of the holiday season. For several weeks before Christmas day it's presence on letters and packages became such a familiar sight as to seem an old, old friend, and it infused even the most prosaic business letters with the spirit of good cheer.

To the philatelist it was of especial interest. The design this year is much neater and more attractive than the stamp of 1908. Bright, cheery, and clean cut in appearance, with its design of holly and holly berries, and the red cross, it was selected from among fifteen hundred designs. The design is credited to a New York man.

The fact that for some days before Christmas the stamps were sold in post-offices gave rise to much confusion. Many persons, evidently were of the opinion that they were legal for postal duty, and postal employes throughout the country were frequently annoyed at the busiest season for them in the year by the presence of letters in the mails bearing no other stamps but the Red Cross. Still, in spite of the trouble incidental to their sale in postoffices, the graceful action of the government in the matter must be commended.

In Philadelphia a booth was set aside for the purpose, and uniformed nurses sold the stamps—a very appropriate and picturesque plan. A Philadelphia newspaper had charge of the distribution for the state, and it is said that the newspaper placed in circulation millions of stamps.

Letters to Germany and England bearing the stamps affixed to either the face or back, were for a time not accepted by these governments. The postal authorities of Great Britain, however, took favorable action in the matter a week or two before Christmas. To bring about their admission into Germany required a little diplomatic intercession. When the postal authorities of Germany recently ruled against accepting letters with Red Cross stamps affixed to the face, the National Red Cross society, brought the matter to the attention of the German ambassador. Count Von Bernstoff cabled the particulars regarding the purposes of the stamp to Berlin, with the result that he was able to announce on December 22, that letters with the stamps affixed to either the front or back of letters, would be passed by the postal authorities of his country.

In the philatelic world this Christmas has marked a memorable season for

American philately, coming as it did at the height of philatelic enthusiasm here. The unprecedented and numerous sensations in the mere matter of stamp changes has done much to fan this enthusiasm. But numerous and remarkable as these changes were, one can but feel that the extreme activity apparent in every direction, is but the culmination of a steadily increasing interest or movement, that had its beginning four years ago. At that time, it must be admitted American philately, while not dead by any means, was still drowsing if not on the verge of a heavy slumber. Students of philatelic literature and history have remarked upon these recurring epochs, which are only too noticeable.

But it seems that philatelic activity in this country is the better for the lull. Far be it from me to attempt an analysis of the causes back of the philatelic revival, but I wish to mention a few results. Four years ago there were but two philatelic periodicals published on all this American continent,—a notable change from the swarms and swarms of other years. Then, gradually, one newspaper or magazine after another appeared, until for the last year philatelists have been wondering if a good thing cannot be carried so far as to become something quite different. Yet we all hailed with pleasure the announcement on the opening of our present stamp season, of a quarterly to be published by the American Philatelic Society. We have also welcomed the appearance of two thoroughly meritable magazines, which bear every promise of becoming the muscle and brawn of American philately,—we refer to the re-birth of the "Philatelic Journal of America," and their promise of a valuable magazine in the "Stamp Collector."

We will not go into details, which are already familiar to every collector, referring to the activity in other directions, in the publication of new books, in the activity of the societies and the trade. But in passing, would mention the fact that the January "WEST" marks a sixteenth anniversary—a record of steady achievement for over a decade and a half.

A STAMP CRANK INDEED.—By Alvin M. Hendee.

Being in a little village the other day, I inquired of the postmaster if there was anyone in town who collected stamps. He told me that old Mr. Blank had a large collection, many thousands. I found him that evening at the home of his daughter, where, after I had made known my errand, he told me I could see them at his "shop," which I found to be a place where he spent his time playing dominos and working with his stamps. He had more than 50,000 postage, revenue, foreign and what not, all tied very tightly and carefully in bunches of 50 and assorted according to size. I was permitted to look at the bundles but not to open them. He would not sell them unless he sold the whole lot and one must buy them at his figure without seeing any more than he could by looking at the outside of the bundles, and they were tied with faces turned in and the scraps of envelopes still stuck to them. There were many thousands of them that were cut from stamped envelopes and cut closely to the edge of the stamp.

He said a lot of men had been to see them and wanted to buy them but that they wanted to examine them before they would make him an offer but that he would not let them. He claimed that he had U. S. stamps 70 years old, and when I told him the first issues were in 1847 he said "O, yes; that is so." He thought he should have at least \$200 for the outfit. I came away feeling that I had met the champion stamp crank of the country.



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The 120th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m., in the North Club Room of the Cabanne Library. Ow- ing doubtless to the fact that the first snow fall of the winter had come on a visit the night before and that the thermometer showed as near zero as it well could without actually registering zero, the attendance was very choice and few.

Those present were Messrs. Anschuetz, Chase, Heath, Mann, Marston, Huss- man, Millhouse, Myers, Lewis and Schceman.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, the sec- retary then read a letter from Mr. Chas. Bolbach of O'Fallin, Ill., offering to do- nate several complete volumes of Redfield's, Mekeels, The West, The Stamp Jour- nal, and various other philatelic publications. The offer was accepted and the members present accorded Mr. Bolbach a very hearty vote of thanks for his generos- ity. Communications were also received from Messrs H. E. Deats acknowledging receipt of the Society's emblems, J. C. Piper, a receipted bill from Redfield was also handed to the Treasurer, and there was a short chatty letter from Mr. Geo. Wood. Four applications were handed to the Membership Committee: W. A. Ritchie, 7225 Pennsylvania Ave., letter carrier, aged 55, and referred to the Mis- sissippi Valley Trust Co. H. P. Hess, car conductor, 6740 Vermont Ave., aged 29, reference L. Bosse, 7427 Pennsylvania Ave. Jas. Walsh, street inspector, 3628 French Ave., aged 55; referred to the Robbins Varnish Co. E. J. Viedt, medical doctor, 6901 S. Broadway, aged 45; gave as reference Jas. Walsh. Mr. Myers in- formed those present that the Society has lost one of its old members by death in the person of Mr. Charles Gilderhaus, who crossed the River Styx at the age of 53 on Nov. 26 last. The cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Gilderhaus was unique as a collector inasmuch that he put nothing in his albums that had been issued since 1870 and the last time the writer met him, Mr. Gildehaus was only wanting some 17 or 18 specimens to complete his collection.

Mr. Myers moved and Mr Anschuetz seconded that the secretary send the fol- lowing resolutions of regret to the Gildehaus family, to have the same inscribed amongst the minutes of the Society:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst Charles Gildehaus who departed this life on Fiday, Nov. 26th, 1909 and

Whereas the said Charles Gildehaus was not only a member of our society, hut a personal friend to many of our members, and

Whereas, we deeply feel the loss of one who has been so untimely called away in the prime of life, whose friendship we valued, whose business integrity was unquestioned, whose good nature endeared him to all and who besides having a vast knowledge of matters philatelic was also a literatuer and author of note

Therefore, be it resolved, that a copy of these expressions of regret at our loss be sent to the family of the deceased gentleman and the same be inscribed upon the minutes of the society."

It being so near the close of the year evidently some memoers thought that it was high time to prepare for the next year's routine and so Mr Chester Myers was soon on his feet again with a ticket for the official nominations. He proposed Mr.

Walter Bain as President and Mr. W. J. H. Anschuetz as Vice President, Mr. V. E. Sisson to take the Secretaryship and Mr. F. Millhouse to look after the banking account of the society. As an opposition to the candidate proposed by Myers for President, Mr. Mann nominated Mr. Myers for that position. No further nominations were handed in and the matter was postponed by mutual assent to the next meeting on Dec. 21, '09.

Some discussion took place regarding the cost of postage in investigating applicants for membership characters and on a motion by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Mann, the Membership Committee were authorized to draw upon the treasurer for any expense incurred in postage whilst pursuing their duties.

To close the evening the secretary submitted a contest which had been previously tried in Cleveland by the Garfield-Perry Club and also by the Chicago Society. This was sent to the writer by Mr. Wood and it was voted a capital contest. The prize was taken by Mr. Chase with 60 per cent to his credit.

At 10:10 p.m. the meeting adjourned and those present went out to see if the cold had moderated, but finding it as cold as ever most of them made a bee line for the nearest car line, whilst a few thought a good walk would be nice and so walked to their homes.

F. Millhouse, Sec'y.

The usual regular fortnightly meeting of the above named society was held on Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. in the Club Room of the Cabanne Library with sixteen members and one visitor in attendance, Mr. Hosmar, lately of Chicago. Pres. Chase was in the chair and after calling the meeting to order asked for the minutes of the previous meeting to be read. The Secretary performed this duty and the minutes were approved after Mr. Myers had requested that it be inscribed upon the minutes that he regretfully found it necessary to decline the nomination for presidential honors.

A batch of several letters were read, the most important being one from the Educational Committee of the A. P. S. and on Mr. Cornwall's motion it was decided to send the usual donation to the committee. Another letter was from Mr. Cook, of St. Louis, asking if the Society desired to purchase any volumes for the Society's Library. To this the Sec. was told to attend.

The membership Committee reported that they had investigated the records of Dr. Viedt and Mr. Jas. Walsh and passed the applications of these gentlemen on to the members present with a recommendation that they be elected members. This recommendation was concurred in by those present, and Messrs Viedt and Walsh are now members, of the Carondelet Branch of the Society. For the Library a copy of The Stamp Journal and the current number of The Stamp Collector have been received from the publishers and the United Stamp Co. sent their catalogue of the 143d sale to be held by them on Jan'y 8, '10. The committee appointed to revise the By Laws of the Society handed in their report at this meeting and with a few minor changes and additions the report was accepted and adopted as the By Laws of the Society from now on. Mr. Diamant moved, supported by Mr. Mann, that the committee, Messrs Cornwall, Strauss, H. A. Sisson be awarded a vote of thanks for their work, and this was unanimously accorded. Mr. Cornwall, to make a fitting finish to the Committee's work, suggested that it would be a very good idea to have the By Laws printed in pamphlet form with the names of the officers for the year along with the names of the expresidents printed on the first page and for the last two of three pages he thought that a list of members names and addresses would be very appropriate.

Under the new By Laws this was the last night for nominations for officers for 1910 and at the close of the nominations Mr. W. Bain was nominated for the

Presiding Officer's chair with Mr. W. J. H. Anschuetz as the first Vice, V. E. Sisson having asked to be allowed to decline the Sec'y's position on the score of being out of town a great deal. Mr. McMillan was asked to stand for another term and to this he consented and Mr. Sisson was persuaded to allow himself to be nominated for Treasurer. The always popular Mr. Diamant, was nominated to fill the post of Sales Superintendent by Mr. T. C. Mann, seconded by Millhouse. For the Board of Governors it was suggested that the three members receiving the most votes should be the colleagues of the five elected to the officers' position. It was understood that the Carondelet Branch would nominate their officers on their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 28th, next.

This concluding a lengthy business session, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m. F. Millhouse, Secretary.

Making Rules for Philately-By VanCouver

The making of any rules for any kind of a hobby is not feasible. Rules are all right for a society—for the conduct of business—but when any dictum is set up as to what is collectible or what not, then the true hobbyist rebels. The very essence and life of a hobby is to go on in the even tenor of his way and collect as he likes, what he likes, and when he likes.

Any rules for a philatelist regarding a collection of stamps are entirely artificial, generally promulgated for a purpose, and that purpose is not the safeguarding of the pocket-books of stamp collectors. Any dictum as to condition forced upon a hobbyist has a hidden danger. A prominent writer recently said: "It lies in the very essence of a hobby that no rules must be made for it." The thing is this: We collect for the pleasure of collecting, not for the approval of others. No one has a right to criticise the condition of anyone's collection.

The rule that is best to go by is that of one's own making, and guided by the limit of the purse. If a collector cannot afford a beautiful copy of the N. B. 6c at \$20, but is content with a fair specimen at half the catalog value, it is all right. He obtains the stamp, and that is what he is after.

There are no rules laid down for a crease, a tear or a thin spot. The very finest collections overlook the former and disguise the latter. The Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung says: "The rarer, older or more valuable a stamp is, the more a collector can diminish his requirements as to perfection. Defective stamps have a market value. The collecting world does not submit so tamely to dictation, but that there are numerous collectors who like imperfect copies. Among them are many who like to be called purists. There are buyers of damaged stamps, and the leading dealers sell them in different conditions at greater profits than on mint stuff."

Here we see that rules are not feasible. Exchange departments prove also that the rarer stamps marked on books or sheets if in poor condition and are cheap, go like hot cakes. Indeed, it is surprising how quickly they are snapped up.

One of the greatest collectors in Europe, a specialist, said: "I collect what I like. I never think of condition except when I have two similar stamps that are my own. My hobby has no rules for me. Thousands would give up a hobby, if it had rules what to collect."

From various sources we glean that the U. S. issues about 75 million postal cards every month and that shortly after the New Years day, a new card of better quality than the present and of an improved design is to be issued.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

Last month I stopped at Monaco. A pleasant place to be in the month of December, but keeping up the journey I reached Mexico after Argentine and U. S., the third in the number of revenue issues. The designs are various. Well centered stamps an exception. Instruction Public come rouletted. Contribucion Federal imperforate and the rest: Aduana (Custom) Documentos, Hilaza y. Tejidos (textil) Renta Interior, etc., perforated. The Federal, Renta Interior, Hilaze and Mercancias are stamps with a talon. Latter generally remains on the stub, retained by the Mexican government. Aduana sets run from 1c to 100 pesos from 1885 to 1896 where they have been discontinued and the Documentos used. Now the Federals are always imperforated and bear the word Federal, somewhere on the stamp. The sets run from 3 to 8 stamps a year, from 1862 to the present year. 1c to 100 pesos. Documentos from 1874 on. The set generally comprises 12 values 1c to 50 pesos. Some surcharges exist in the year 1877.

Renta Interior have appeared regularly every year since 1885 about 11 to the set, from 1c to 100 pesos. Of the 1500 different are about a dozen which are valued around the \$10.00 mark, and so down to the 1, 2, 5 and 10 centavos which are common. 500 comes near being the issues for the different states. I mention only a few: Teziutlan, Toluca, Tetecala, Jonacatepec, Cuantla, and then the beautiful words: Tlaltizapan and Xochitepec. The workmanship of the stamps is about as ? as the words. Nicaragua had no Seebeck contract in the revenue line. 35 cover the whole issue, Mosquito coast thrown in. Its 600 postage, especially the officials, I guess had not all an absolute necessary use. One consolation at the present time; they are not high priced. Niger Coast is blessed with 5 revenue and 57 postage stamps.

Norway had three kinds of revenues, all attractive and 60 in number, and postage a few more. New South Wales' first set of revenues of 1865 are pretty hard to pick up. There has been a new design only three times, 1865, 1868 and 1882. Different perforations and shades are plentiful. Some of the beer stamps are worth having. Then there is a set of telegraph which would make you feel happy if you were a possessor of the same. Its Sydney Views and other postage have depleted many a collector's pocketbook. New Zealand has been more liberal in issuing different kinds of taxes, like: Beer, Discount, Justice, Land Deeds, Duty, Law Court. Different watermarks and perforations are to be met. A considerable number have been used for postage. Some scarce revenues are listed, and it is a good thing for us revenue collectors, that this branch is not so fashionable as postage stamps, so we may be able to pick up occasionally a scarce one.

New Zealand revenues are not very attractive. The retouched of 1874 have a white line below the word, New Zealand, and dot in circle are prominent. Uganda had missionary typewriter stamps, but the need of revenues are filled with 16 stamps from 1 anna to 50 rupees.

Pairs, blocks or strips should never be separated, nor imprinted document stamps cut out of the document. (To be continued.)

Mr. Ch. Mendel of 118 bis, rue d'ASSAS, Paris, announces the publication of a monograph on the stamps of Greece, which will make it easy for everybody to distinguish the intricate issues of this country. If the book really is what it is claimed to be, it should be welcomed by every collector who takes any interest in Grecian stamps. It is of course, written in the French Language. Price 1fr., 75c



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

We regret to say that the surcharged Italian stamps for use in the Levant, have been made the prey of unscrupulous speculators. Already a fourth issue is making its appearance, which is to be put upon the market in immense quantities. Our advice is that collectors should take no notice of

these stamps, unless they are genuinely postally used; though even with this precaution one is hardly safe, as the responsible parties take care to sell a certain number of each issue in the normal manner through the post office with the object of compelling the compilers of catalogues to list their precious stuff.

At one time there seemed to be quantities of Lagos 1905 in existence, but there are evidences that these quantities are now almost absorbed by collectors. Beyond the penny value one seldom meets with a quotation for them in quantity, and prices should have some prospect of rising.

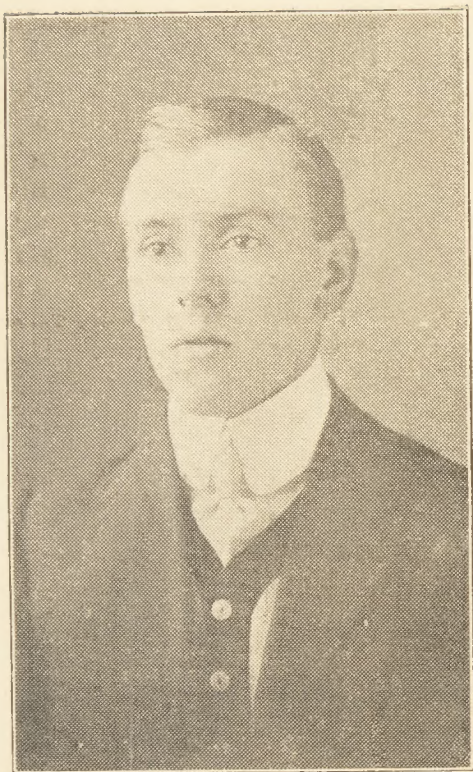
One remembers the stamps that 10 years ago were a staple quotation in most lists per 100, but which are not now in the field. In most cases the retail price has risen. It comes almost as a habit to charge a penny for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green Malta "Queen" of 1885, and it requires the exercise of "second thoughts" to give this stamp its modern position as a good penny item. It is the same with many others of the same class. A correspondent thinks the 2c. Canada Jubilee is a "riser," and even the common 3c. does not seem so plentiful as it once was. It is not a bad plan to gather similar stamps by the 100 when there is a prospect of their becoming less plentiful. Where advisability suggests the advance of 100 stamps from 1c to 2c apiece, the incident is not unwelcome in this grey weary life.

Of course there are classes of stamps which prove more profitable to buy in quantity than do others; a purchase of the old type Foreign Colonials, e. g., will find a good percentage of copies in each lot with turned-up corners and broken backs, a buyer of Belgium 1861 should be glad if he gets a few dozen fine copies out of each 100, while the buyer of current Belgium may get many copies where the Sunday label is struck through with a pen mark. Care should be taken in investing in stamps which have a reputation for bad centering or heavy obliterations. (There is a certain new issue which I am leaving severely alone for this reason).

There is wisdom in looking critically through a collection and attempting to ascertain what sets are most often met with in clean condition. Where capital is limited, and where a good deal depends on one's choice of stock, it is as well to invest in such goods as promise to yield 70 to 80 nice copies out of each 100 lot. One makes mistakes, and learns from experience what to avoid.

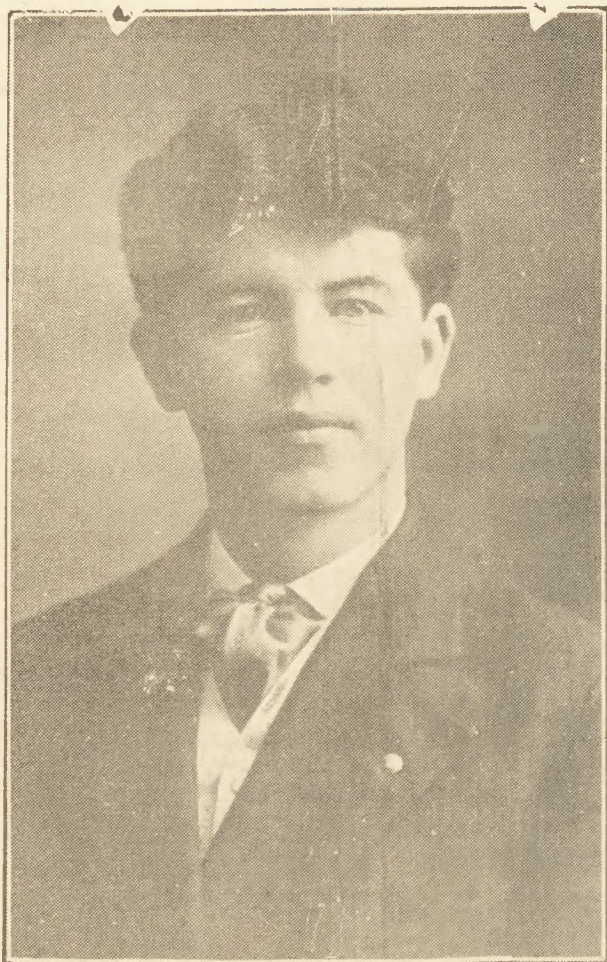
The following stamps may be expected to come to hand tolerably clean; $\frac{1}{2}$ c black Canadas, 10c Java, 1 gulden Holland 1898, most Equadors and Costa Rica, Italy 1906, Bulgaria 1902, German Morocco, Mauritius, Monaco, French Levant, Chili, Brazil 1906—of course, there are many others. With regard to countries which have a reputation for poor copies, it should prove profitable to secure a good exchange correspondent, who will supply such clean copies as he may possess.

On July 10th at Liverpool, England, a letter was posted to P. D. Lock Esq., P. S. N., Co. S. R. M. S. Orcoma. No port was given, the letter being simply addressed to a vessel on the high seas, and an incorrect designation of the line to which the steamer belonged, yet it was delivered safely enough. It went via New York and Panama to Callao, and was handed to Mr. Lock when the vessel reached that port, and he was very pleased to get it.



R. Lomax, England.
See his ad in this issue.

I. E. Erdman, Baltimore, Maryland.



Steven H. Freeman, Astoria, Ore.

W. W. Barclay, Los Angeles, Calif.
Scene taken on top of Shirt Tail Peak,
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Henry has a gun ad in this issue.

Collection of J. Allard, St. Louis, Mo
See his ads in this issue.

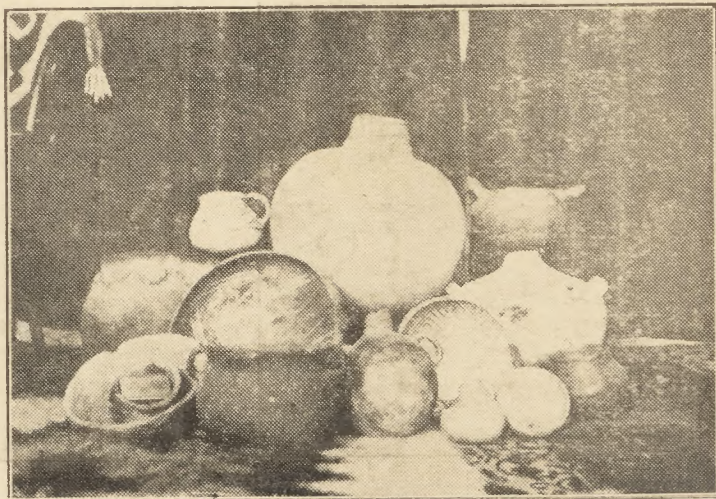


Den of W. A. Stone, Fayetteville, Arkansas.



Fred Grammell, Portland, Ore. Geo. H. Hyslop, New York City
Mrs. Geo. Baum, Paterson, N. J., who has largest Postcard collection in the world

Prehistoric Relics found in Smithsonian County, Arizona.
Property of A. J. Fink, Dayton, Ohio.





London Dealer and his Office

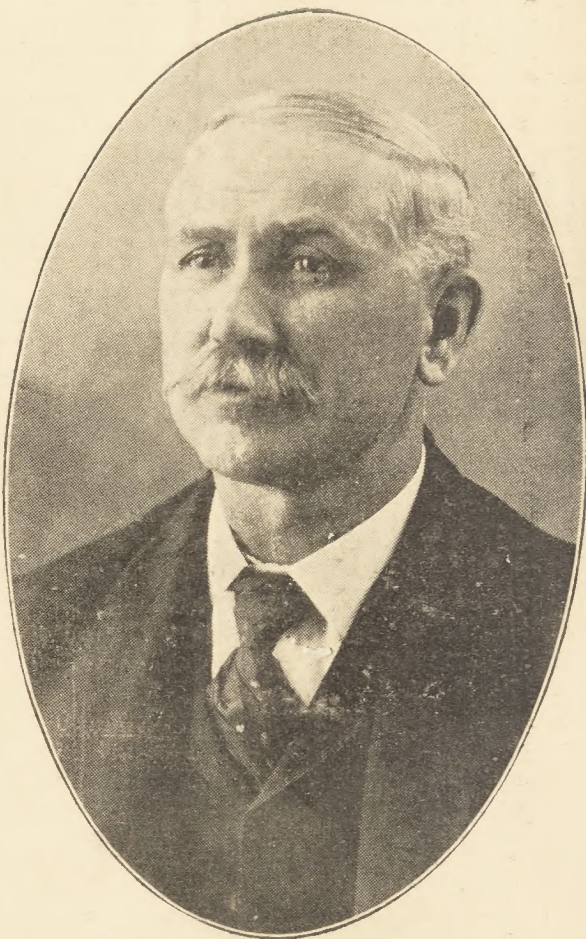


Indian Relics of Raynor, Piqua, Ohio.

Collection of J. H. Harmon, Hay Springs, Ne

ld. Bronze Budist Idols from Japan






A. J. Rice, Easton, Penn., see his ad.


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POST-CARD

P. C. Collectors
The World
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Post Card Exchange Clubs

By Madeline Keller

It would be a good thing for some of our lead members of the various card clubs, who hold offices to try and get foreign members on the Exchange lists. We haven't enough of foreign Exchange addresses on our lists. Try to get all the foreign Official organs of said card clubs and look over the list of exchangers and write to them. Get them to join your American clubs. "The Blue Journal" or (Das Blaue Blatt) which is published in Eschweiler, Rhineland, Europe. This journal is the organ of the following clubs: 'Westall, Berolina, Union, headquarters in Dresden, Saxony. The International Card Club Scandia, in Stockholm, Sweden.

These various clubs will be of some interest and help to exchangers, and help add members to our Clubs. Most foreigners who exchange cards we find are anxious and willing to get cards from Americans.

Here is a rather novel idea called a guessing game for a childrens' party: This can be played out of doors, and can be called "Seeing the Town, Trip," as well. A large collection of local post cards was pinned about the lawn on the trees and other places within reach of seeing. The cards are numbered and of course, the names of the views cut off. The children are furnished with pencils and paper and must then go about "traveling around town" and write down what they see. It will be of great interest and pleasure to see how some of the most familiar scenes puzzle them. The prizes can consist of a post card album for the most successful guesser, a set of nice post cards for a second prize, and a collection of cards of certain number for the one who guessed the fewest number. A very pretty story from one of our popular magazines describes how postcards can be an aid to Geography: Mildred just hated geography. It is so uninteresting and it keeps my markings down—horrid thing! If it was not for that, I would have one of the best marks in the class. Mrs. Horton was thoughtful. She saw something must be done to make this study more attractive to her, but what? Mildred herself) gave her an idea that very evening and she proceeded at once to put

it into effect. "I wish I had more cards from other places, mamma," she said. "Edna has them from all over the world, but mine are just from a few states."

The next day when Mildred came home from school a nice new post card album lay on the table. "Where did this come from, mamma, and whose is it?" she asked.

"Yours, with conditions," answered her mother. "It is a Geography post card album. I will get you cards, and let you join a foreign post card exchange Club as well as one in our own country. Then you will be able to get cards from places you are studying about but only with the conditions that you do all in your power to learn about the places." Mildred found it a great help and a pleasant pastime at that, for soon she had cards from China, Japan, and other places across the pond. Looking them over she studied the manner and habits. "What queer looking houses and, oh what funny dresses!" She cried out her surprises, and studied with great zealously. It worked well, the plan did. The pictures put before her the countries in a way nothing else could have done. She was interested and exchanged frequently. What is more to the point she now receives the highest marking in the geography class. Having a card from China before me puts me in mind of an odd story which tells about a device for raising funds. In some Chinese temples may be found an amusing way of raising funds for charitable purposes. A "collector" willing to sacrifice himself, is locked into a sort of sentry box made of wood. This is large enough only to enable him to sit upright.

Huge nails turned point inwards are driven into the side of the box making the occupant's position very uncomfortable. At intervals he pulls a string which rings a bell and calls attention to his situation. Contributors paying a certain sum may extract a nail, thus rendering the devotee's position less uncomfortable.

The last WEST was very interesting throughout, as it usually is. It is better every time.

THE QUARRIES OF WYANDOTTE CAVE. By F. C. Greene.

Wyandotte cave is situated in Crawford county, Indiana, near the banks of Blue River, five miles above where that stream empties into the Ohio river. It is not my purpose to give a description of the cave as this may be found complete in the twenty first annual report of the Indiana Department of Geology.

There are two prehistoric quarries in the cave. The first to be discovered was in the "old cave" at the base of the "Pillar of the Constitution" a large stalagmite with a circumference of seventy one feet. This rests on "Capitol Hill," thirty two feet in height. Several tons of satin spar or alabaster as it is sometimes called, have been excavated and thrown down the sides of the hill. The spar is white and of no great hardness and it still remains to be discovered what its uses were, as no implements composed of spar have been found, as far as known, either in the cave or in the surrounding territory.

The floor of the room in which the quarry is situated, has been carefully excavated but the only things found were ashes, deer horns, and glacial boulders. The latter are very hard, and were probably used by the ancient quarrymen.

The second quarry is one of black, partly translucent chert of which several bands occur in the cave wherever a certain level is attained. At the entrance of the "Pillared Palace," these bands have been excavated to such an extent that the floor is covered with cast off fragments to a depth of two feet or more. Here again, a glacial boulder was found and may be seen by visitors. This black flint is the predominating implement material for all the surrounding region, which is one of extreme interest, archaeologically as well as otherwise.

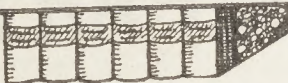
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A COLLECTION OF RARE BOOKS.

Some of these books pass beyond mere hundreds and are valued at several thousands of dollars. The most expensive of these is a set of the first edition elephantine copy of Audobon's "Birds of America," four volumes of plates and five volumes of text, valued at about \$8500. Of this elephantine edition there are now probably not more than forty or fifty sets in the country that are perfect and complete, and these are choicely kept in libraries and museums. Another rare set of books is Lord Kingsborough's "Mexican Antiquities," nine volumes, published in 1831, the cost of publication of the first seven volumes being \$160,000.

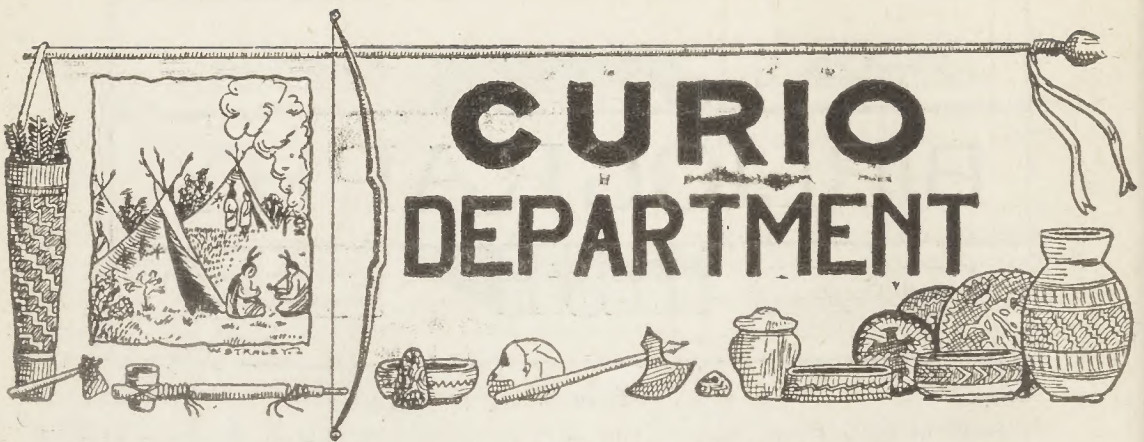
Two of the wonderful books are Samuel Rogers' "Italy", published in 1830, and his poems, published in 1834. For the illustrations of the first named book Rogers paid Turner and other eminent artists \$50,000, and for the illustrations of the volume of poems \$25,000. Rogers, however, was not only a poet, but a banker who had the money.

In the collection of W. Y. C. Humes of Chicago, who makes specialties of rare old books and rare bindings are also found first edition copies of Ruskin, George Elliot, Julia Pardoe, Thomas Hardy, Samuel Lover and rarest of these are Dr. Syntax's "Life of Napoleon," published in 1814. Here too, is a missal, or prayer book of the early part of the Fifteenth Century, before the invention of printing, lettered by monks on goatskin and beautifully illustrated—the colors after five centuries being evidently as bright as they were when first laid on. In this collection are many rare English and American bindings.

Here is a rebound set of Shakespeare, seventeen volumes, published at Philadelphia in 1809 and taken as loot out of the tent of the British General Pakenham after the Battle of New Orleans, where the General was killed. The tent was looted by Beverly Roy Scott and other officers. Scott was in command of the American ship California, which was blown up in the gulf of Mexico preceding the Battle of New Orleans, and these volumes of Shakespeare have remained in his family from 1815 to the present day.

A full set of autographs of the presidents of the United States, from Washington to Roosevelt, has been purchased for \$930 by a New York collector. All of the autographs are full letters signed, with the exception of those of Hayes and McKinley, who are represented by manuscripts of addresses delivered by them.

I wish to inform my subscribers who collect picture postcards, that names and addresses of collectors desiring exchange of postcards, with other collectors will be inserted free of charge in the forthcoming WEST. As it circulates in all parts of the world, postcard readers have an excellent opportunity of adding new cards to their collections. Names and addresses should be sent in at once. American Camera Club Exchange.



Notes by N. E. Stephens

A New York City Bank issues a circular in which it says that the change in the designs of the \$20 and \$10 gold pieces in 1907, and the \$5 and the \$2.50 in 1908, which by many have been considered an improvement in an artistic sense, cannot be so regarded in a commercial sense, as on account of the character of the present designs, they are not fit for active circulation, and the loss by abrasion will be very rapid. The old designs were designed with a view to their being used in active circulation, for which they were admirably adapted. The present designs of the gold coins being adopted, no change can be made without special authority from Congress until a period of 25 years shall have elapsed.

The recent change in the design of the one cent piece is not at all popular. On account of the very slight increase in the thickness of this coin, which is due solely to the high relief of the design, there has been much complaint from the manufacturers of slot machines, and automatic cash registers, as on account of the thickness these pieces cannot be used in many of the machines. The only coin which can now be changed without special authority from Congress, is the five cent piece. No change can be made in the designs of the half or quarter dollar until 1917, the designs of these pieces having been adopted in 1892.

Reading Grange held its regular weekly meeting Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, at which time a large number of old relics were placed on exhibition and discussed by those present. The most valuable one was a flint lock army musket which is said to be over 136 years old. It was carried through the Revolutionary War by one John Paulding, and was carried through the war of 1812, and is now owned by Mrs. Amanda Sutton of Reading. It was one of those carried by the men who captured and executed Major Andre.

Two gowns which ere said to be 65 years old were also on exhibition and created much interest by their queer patterns. Many other relics of interest were also shown and explained by those who brought them. At the close of the meeting, the master, Mr. Smith, gave an interesting talk on army muskets, canteens, and knapsacks. Mr. Smith was a soldier in the Civil War. Arthur Ellison read a paper on "Old Customs."

The remains of ancient Aztecs have been unearthed by workmen near the old cathedral in Mexico City. At a depth of two meters a pile of skulls and bones were found. Up to December 2, the remains of more than 60 bodies were taken up. It is believed that the bodies are those of Indians of high caste who were buried in the royal burying grounds adjoining the old Aztec temple, upon whose site the present cathedral was built. As it is known that no cemetery was ever established by the Christians near the present cathedral, the remains just excavated

are Aztecs or the race preceding them which ruled in the valley of Mexico.

The belief is that the Aztecs were buried prior to the coming of Cortez in 1519. Despite the fact that 490 years have elapsed, many of the skulls were still in good condition although the other bones had almost entirely turned to dust.

Among the army souvenirs of Capt. Collson, an old soldier residing in North Chemung near here, is a large and elegant family bible which remains in his possession through a peculiar chain of circumstances. It was published in Philadelphia in 1860 in conformity with the Oxford edition of 1610. The flyleaf bears this inscription: "Presented to the Atlanta Female Institute by the Sophomore Class of the Fall Term—1860," dated Nov. 16, 1860. Inserted between its pages is a pink silk bookmark with the words "Bear the" and a cross worked in red worsted on perforated card board attached thereto.

In the summer of 1864 when Captain Collson's command was stationed in Atlanta, the seminary referred to in the inscription was impressed for use as a hospital. One of the men brought the Bible to the Captain's headquarters. That it might be preserved for ultimate restoration the Captain had the book sent by express to Dr. Tracy Beadle in Elmira to be held by him until his return from the front. Captain Collson has preserved the volume most carefully. It is in perfect condition, the same today as when received by him, even to the bookmark. Persistent efforts on his part through the Postmaster in Atlanta and other channels to locate its original possessors have brought no results. The Captain has never ceased to hope and believe that somewhere among the red hills of Georgia there is one who would prize the book most highly. Gladly would he restore the same to that person, could such be found.



The 71st monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Dec. 3d, President Virgil M. Brand presiding. The following 24 members were present: Messrs. Ripstra, Lewis, Mayer, J. T. Kelly, Bartholomay, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Tuckerman, Michael, Hengle, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Loer, Smith

and Krausz.

The committee on Medallion Production reported progress and showed lead proofs of the medal now being engraved, mentioning that the artist Mr. J. H. Ripstra, had done a part of the engraving in the rooms of the Society last Tuesday evening, and that a large number of the members had responded to their invitations to see some of the work done. The committee promised to have the medals finished and ready for distribution to members present at the next meeting. On motion the committee was instructed to have the reverse die for the 1909 membership medals cut, and a sufficient number struck for members elected during the year. Messrs. Adolph Rau and Wm. A. Ashbrook were elected to membership.

The election of officers for 1910 resulted as follows: President, Harry F. Williams. Vice President, F. Elmo Simpson. Secretary, Ben G. Green. Treasurer, W. F. Dunham. Censor, F. M. Tuckerman. Librarian, E. C. Verkler. Curator, M. P. Carey. Executive Board, Virgil M. Brand, Ben. G. Green, W. F. Dunham. Mr. Baker read a paper on Greek Tetradrachms, illustrating by specimens. Mr. Baker showed his collection of Colonial bills. Magazines received since last meeting were: Numismatische Correspondenz, Phillistine and Philatelic West, all for November. Auction catalogs were received from Egger Bros., Elder, 2, Green and H. S. Rosenberg. Mr. E. W. King was present as a visitor. Adjourned to meet Jan. 7th. 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

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SECRETARYS' FOURTH REPORT.

Fellow Archaeologists:—Applicants published in December report are admitted to full membership—no objections to any were made. Membership cards are sent to new members in about three weeks after applications are published. It is the duty of each member to pay close attention to the list of applicants published each month, and in case you have a reasonable objection and full details should be sent at once to the Secretary. There is no room for fakes and dishonest collectors in this society. On the other hand all honest people interested in Indian relics, or the Indian as a race, are invited to join—be you collector, student or professional along archaeological or ethnological lines. Rules for Fraud Dept., were promised for this month but they have not been formulated as yet but will be in next report. However, if you have any Indian relics that you are doubtful about being genuine, you are advised to communicate with either one of the Fraud Detectors—the one nearest you. Another party in the East, who is guilty of selling fake relics, has been brought to light. I am investigating this complaint and will soon turn the matter over to Pres. Emert. No doubt he will have a report along this line for next month. Now please take notice! About the time you get this number of the WEST I will be very busy at work on our next Bulletin, out latter part of Feb., and will not have much time for active recruit work until that is off my hands. So I will depend on each member to put forth a special effort this month to enroll new members. WILL YOU? Report of finances will be published next month. Now hustle. I take pleasure in submitting following list of

APPLICANTS.

61. Dr. J. F. Snyder, Virginia, Illinois.
62. Clemence Gerhardstein, Rfd 4, Tiffin, Ohio.
63. Prof. Wm. C. Mills, Page Hall, Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio.
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65. Walter Weinland, Rfd 15, Box 17, Hope, Indiana.
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67. Bruce M. Angle, 1211 E. 54th St., Chicago, Ill.
68. Robert F. Gilder, c-o World-Herald, Omaha, Neb.
69. Henrie Edmond Buck, 125 N. Liberty St., Delaware, Ohio.
70. Edward W. Payne, c-o State Nat. Bank, Springfield, Ill.
71. E. T. Smeltz, Fallon, Washington.
72. Kansas State Historical Society, Geo. W. Martin, Sec., Topeka, Kans.
73. Milo Custer, Room 304, Court House, Bloomington, Ill.
74. Leroy G. Banks, 92 Laclede Ave., Mt. Wash. Station, Pittsburg, Penna.
75. L. F. Ward, 455 N. 16th St., East St. Louis, Illinois.
76. H. M. Braun, 1618 Belmont Ave., East St. Louis, Illinois.

77. Geo. P. Morehouse, 216 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kansas.
78. Arthur Hunt, 8092 1st St., Chicago, Ill.
79. A. J. Rice, 1041 Wood Ave., Easton, Penn.
80. E. Reinhold, Steinbrueck, Mandan, No. Dak.

The above applicants will be admitted to full membership provided no complaint is filed with the Secretary within 15 days.

CORRECTION.

No. 55 should read P. L. Gray, Severance, Kansas.

For application blanks, etc., address

Allen Jesse Reynolds, Secretary, Box 534, Council Grove, Kansas.

Wild Goose Chases of a Collector

By Sprague W. Chambers

Does there live a collector who has not, at some time or other, gone on a wild goose chase in quest of some wonderful addition to his collection, which upon finding proved to be entirely mythological, or at least disappointingly exaggerated? I have had many such experiences, a few of which I will enumerate.

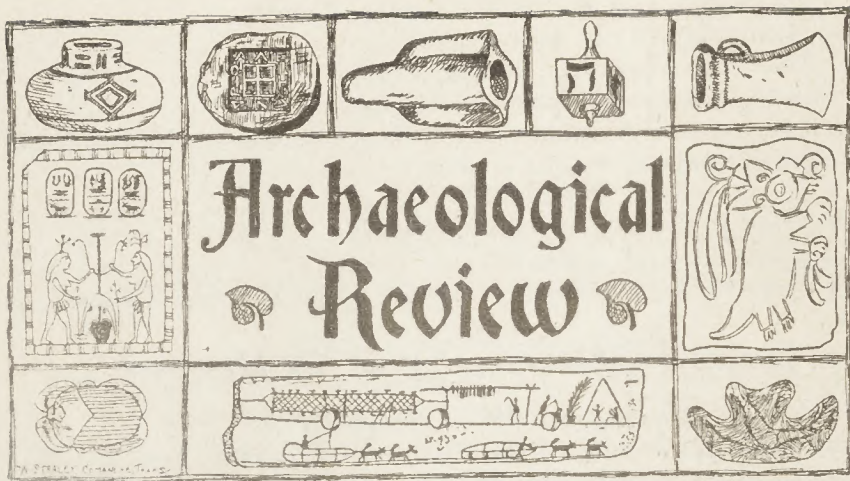
Some years ago a farmer came into my place of business and immediately became interested in my cases of Indian relics. Pointing to a beautiful eight inch spear head he explained that he owned three as near like it as peas in a pod, except that his were a trifle longer, a little wider, and jet black instead of white.

Of course I asked him what he would take for them, and was made happy by being told that I was welcome to them, and that he would bring them to me along with a lot of others, the next time he came to town.

Fearing that some other collector would get ahead of me, or that the owner might change his mind about parting with his specimens, I inquired where he lived and the next day made a trip to his farm.

After an extended search, during which I experienced many misgivings, he finally located about thirty arrows and spears. These he handed me with the remark that they were not, he guessed, quite as long as he had imagined them to be. The truth was the three jet black giants turned out to be a little over three inches in length, and these, with all the rest, were broken and otherwise ruined by long association with scrap iron and other junk kept in the box with them.

On another occasion a farmer, having seen my collection, mentioned that a neighbor had recently plowed up a petrified squirrel's nest in which not only corn and nuts could be plainly seen, but in which the squirrel was also visible. Although I took little stock in this report I nevertheless wrote down the discoverer's name. I had nearly forgotten the incident when a few weeks later another farmer visited my office and related the same tale. He stated that he had himself seen the nest with the squirrel as natural as life, and his grown-up son, who was with him, corroborated the story, their evident sincerity convincing me that there might after all be something worth following up. However, before I took time to investigate a third party related substantially the same tale, and that very day I hid myself to the livery stables and was soon examining this much talked of freak, which proved to be but a rough stone containing fossil shells. By drawing generously upon one's imagination these shells might be made to resemble nuts, or even to appear like corn, but the squirrel, which was merely a dark coloring in the stone, looked fully as much like an alligator, or anything else, as it did a squirrel. The owner offered to part with his prize for a five dollar bill, but, needless to say, I refrained from buying. Pat Ryan, Omaha, has fine black spear point, perfect, over 6 inches long, came from Calif.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

THE CLIFF DWELLERS.

By piecing out and studying disinterred relics and fragmentary traditions of the Pueblo Indians, Prof. Edgar L. Hewitt, President of the School of American Archaeology, who have spent the last two years excavating near Santa Fe, N. M., believes he has obtained clues through which scientific investigations will ultimately clear the mystery of the deserted cliff dwellings.

Inscriptions on stone, which Professor Hewitt has found, indicate, he says, that the ancestors of the present Pueblos flourished about a thousand years ago. Then the desert began drying up, and to avoid famine the dense population of the extensive cliff caves deserted their homes, leaving such a few traces that their life history became a mystery for modern science.

Wandering afar, Professor Hewitt believes they mixed with a lower order of savages nearer the coast and lost their identity in an inferior hybrid race.

Washington, December 5.—Examiner of Survey Wm. L. Douglass of the General Land Office, has just reported to that office the discovery of important prehistoric Pueblo cliff ruins near the head of Indiana Creek, not far from the southwest corner of the Navajo Indian Reservation in Arizona.

These ruins contain seventy rooms and were constructed almost entirely of adobe brick, 18x64 inches in size, made of clay mixed with grass and laid in single courses. The structure is built high in the cliff, under a large arching shelter rock. A number of the rooms are two stories, and some appear originally to have been three stories high. Many of these rooms are in a perfect state of preservation. One was covered with three coats of adobe plaster. Here was discovered an inscription, presumed to be Spanish, which, so far as it could be deciphered, was: Ghos—Anno d—, 1661. The first line of the inscription is not complete. The second line also is not distinct beyond the letters given, but probably the words are "anno domini," The figures 1661 are about 4 inches high and deeply cut.

The following clipping was sent in by Rice, of Easton, Penn.: When you read an account of the conclusion of a treaty with the Indians you are pretty sure to find that the calumet was brought out and handed around. The calumet is of peculiar construction. The bowl is of red sandstone, and the stem is of reed, about two and a half feet long. The stem is decorated with women's hair and feathers which hang from it like a fringe. This pipe is the famous "pipe of

peace," used by the American Indian. After a treaty has been concluded the pipe is produced and filled with tobacco. It is then handed to the representatives of the party with whom the treaty has been made, and they must take at least one whiff of it. It is afterward passed around among the Indians present, who also take a whiff of it, and that ceremonial ratifies and makes sacred the compact that has just been entered into. The passing around of the calumet is an act of hospitality, and a refusal to take it is considered a dire offense.—Chicago News.

PRIMITIVE MAN.

New Haven, Conn., December 4.—A model representing the full size restoration of the primitive man partly idealized, but based mainly on the remains and relics of the primitive man found in various parts of the world, chiefly in Europe, has been made by R. S. Lull, professor of vertebrate paleontology in Yale University.

The restoration is of the gorilla type, about five feet six inches high, a stooping frame, bowed at the thighs, with large feet and hands and long arms, great muscular development, the lower part of the head and face somewhat refined, but the upper head of a low development, and the whole an intermediate link between man and ape.

The restoration is said to be the first of its kind ever completed.

Received the following clippings from F.M. Gilham, Highland Springs, Calif.:

NEW ARCTIC TRIBE FOUND.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—According to W. J. Bower, an Arctic explorer, who has just arrived from Port Barrow, a new tribe has been found in the remote parts of Prince Albert SLand in latitude 77 north and longitude 115 west. The new people look like Indians and are larger than Indians. At the sight of the flash of a match they ran and until discovered had never seen smoke issuing from the mouths or noses of men. "They live in adobes made of rocks in winter and snow houses in summer," said Bower. "Their utensils were of stone, the knives of copper and deer horn, spoons of musk ox horn and their only implement of sewing was a strange four-cornered needle made of copper, with which they make very deft strokes. The entire village was in terror at first at our appearance, but were finally convinced that we were not hostile. Some of their older men said that they had once seen a party of white men, but it was back many years, maybe half a century. The men they saw were probably of McClure's party, which went on an expedition to Prince Albert Land in 1853."

Reports from Victoria, B. C., state that Dr. F. Boaz, who for ten years has been making a study of British Columbia Indians for the British Association, and also heads the expedition which the American Museum of Natural History sent out last spring, has returned to Victoria. Dr. Farrand, who is also engaged in the work of collecting information about the Indians, also returned. The two scientists have covered an immense territory, first going into the interior of the province and then coming out through to the northern coast. The work done in the interior was a continuation of the work which the British Association has been carrying on since 1877, while that on the coast was prosecuted in the interests of the American Museum of Natural History. The idea is to ascertain the origin of the coast Indians and whether any relationship exists between them and the natives of the Asiatic coast. A study will be made of the Indians from the Columbia River to Behring Strait; and of what is known of the traditions and customs of the natives of the two coasts, Dr. Boaz is convinced that they are related and

the first Indians on this side of the Pacific came from Siberia.

An elaborate account of his recent investigations into the habits and language of the Kato Indians, a rapidly decreasing tribe in the northern part of the Sacramento valley, has been published by Professor Pliny Earle Goddard of the anthropological department of the State University.

Professor Goddard's labors cover some years and are a portion of an extended ethnological and archaeological survey of the aborigines of the State undertaken by the university shortly after the accession of Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler to the presidency.

Professor Goddard has paid special attention to the reading of texts and inscriptions of the Katos, collecting their traditions and ideas of religion and immortality of the soul. They were fond of hunting, and in their language betray a high degree of knowledge of etymology and syntax.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—Tusks and bones of what appear to be the skull of a prehistoric animal were unearthed by laborers on Joseph Gelger's ranch on Dutch Flat, in the Palouse wheat belt in southeastern Washington, two and onehalf miles east of Pomeroy. One of the tusks is 70 inches in length and measures 18 inches at the base and weighs 45 pounds. The other is broken. The tusks were about 20 inches apart on the skull and spread 36 inches between the tips. Efforts will be made to exhume the rest of the skeleton.

It is believed that this is the remains of an animal of the mastodon type, but of an age preceding by centuries that to which the bones of mammoths found heretofore in other parts of the Inland Empire belonged.

A portion of the broken tusk was found on Geiger's farm about six years ago, but little attention was paid to it until the discovery of the skull and the long ivories a few days ago. If the skeleton can be recovered it will be sent to one of the institutes to be mounted for exhibition purposes.

A number of good things have been held for next month, when with the help of the readers expect to make this department one of the most interesting in this magazine.

BALLAD OF BLUE CHINA.—By C. Stephens.

There's a joy without canker or cark,
There's a pleasure eternally new,
'Tis to gloat on the glaze and the mark
Of china that's ancient and blue;
Unchipped, all the centuries through
It has passed, since the chime of it rang
And they fashioned it, figure and hue,
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

These dragons, their tails, you remark,
Into bunches of gilliflowers grew,—
When Noah came out of the ark,
Did these lie in wait for his crew?
They snarled, they snapped, and they
slew,

They were mighty of fin and of fang

And their portraits celestials drew,
In the days of the Emperor Hwang.

Hers's a cut in a park,
Where the peach blossoms blew,
Where the lovers elope in the dark,
Lived, died, and were changed into two
Bright birds that eternally flew
Through the boughs of the May, as they
sang;

'Tis a tale was undoubtedly true
In the days of the Emperor Hwang.

Come, snarl at my ecstacies, do,
Kind critic; your "tongue has a tang,"
But—a sage never heeded a shrew
In the reign of the Emperor Hwang.

Ups and Downs of Indian Relic Collectors

By Frank Hoteland

Although I have collected Indian relics for over 35 years, and in the mean time have tramped over many of the fields of the eastern states in search of them, only to find axes, hoes, scrapers, arrow points and a few broken pieces of pottery, my mania (for Indian relics) began with my first day's digging for Pottery near Little Rock, Ark., in one of the many Indian burying grounds in which our state abounds. One morning not many years ago, I started out on my bicycle with a helper, each carrying a long steel rod with a blunt end, to probe for pottery, also a shovel and two large baskets and about provinder enough for one good, able-bodied man, but we only considered it a lunch as our intention was to return early in the afternoon.

A ride of about 30 minutes brought us to the place, where we deposited our baskets in the corner of the fence and commenced probing in the soft sand for indications of pottery. I learned many things that day and one of them was, if you are not careful you will damage the bowl beyond repair by pressing your probe through them. They are very soft having been buried for perhaps centuries and when taken out, have to be laid in the sun for a while to dry and harden. If you find them in a sand soil you always get good material, but if found in what we term "made burying grounds" where alkali earth is mixed in, you invariably find the pottery more or less eaten up. But our ground that day was sandy and in less than ten minutes my probe struck something about three feet below the surface and I knew something was doing.

I rolled up my sleeves and removed my collar, for although it was not yet eight a. m., the thermometer registered eighty degrees. I removed the first two feet of sand with the shovel in a space about four feet across, and by that time the only handkerchief I possessed was a sight. But down in the hole I went, leaving the shovel outside, throwing the sand out by hand for fear of shovel striking the bowls, if there were any.

Another one half hour's digging and my hand struck something hard and following the rim around found I had come upon a bowl about twelve inches across.

Talk about a boy's first pair of new skates, or sled, it did not compare to my finding the first piece of Indian pottery. I set to digging around it rapidly, and soon brought to the surface a perfect bowl, but to my surprise when I commenced removing the sand from the inside I found two lesser bowls, making my first find three instead of one. From that time on, the blistered arms and neck, the lunch and everything, including time, were forgotten and before we began retracing our steps that night the sun had long since sunk below the horizon, leaving two hungry men to get home as best they could.

We found we had more than we could manage and then came the difficulty, but at last we overcame that by hiding all we could not carry, and going after them next day. We filled our baskets carefully, packing hay around them. It was dark and we could not ride our wheels, so walked six miles home, each carrying a bowl upside down on our heads. Our find that day was over thirty whole pieces of pottery.

Next day we returned and found more and came home with all we could carry, but the first day's collecting of Indian pottery will never be forgotten. I have opened many Indian graves and have never yet found arrow points in them. We generally find about three pieces in each place, and oftentimes beads and charms. We found one in sitting posture and from around his neck I took about forty beads the size of a cent with a hole in the center.

MINERALOGY

WATSON, 24

EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines

The Portland Oregonian says that at last a use has been found for the lava occurring in such immense quantities around Bend, Oregon. The railroad survey south from Bend recently reached the lava fields, distant some eight miles up the Deschutes. It has just become known that this lava, which has hitherto been regarded as entirely useless, will supply the very best of ballast for the new road, and will probably, be used as such on the entire central stretch of the line. Not only will it fill this purpose excellently, but, contrary to the belief that has previously existed, obtaining it will be an economical task. The experts declare that no "shooting" will be necessary, but that a steam shovel will be able to scoop up the half disintegrated rock and dump it into cars, practically prepared by nature for its new field of activity. If such be the case it is the very first time that the lava has ever served a useful purpose according to the people who have had most to do with it, for hitherto it has been classed as a nuisance akin to coyotes and other pestful productions of nature.

M. H. Schmidt of Ritzville, Wash., who is interested with other Washington men in mining property in Goodrich gulch, near Twin Bridges, Mont., has made a discovery, which if it should pan out anything like the samples he has had assayed, gives promise that a big tungsten deposit will be opened up. The assay shows the rock to be tungsten or wolframite, and it runs \$336.56 to the ton. Of this only \$2.06 is in gold and a slight trace of silver, which when refined is worth \$400 a ton according to present quotations. Mr. Schmidt ran across the ore several months ago quite by accident, but did not think it of especial value. The ore appears in streaks in the formation from 12 to 18 inches in width. Mr. Schmidt and his associates have staked out several claims in the vicinity. A tunnel has been driven in some distance on the ore, which does not seem to diminish; if anything the streaks are widening. Mr. Schmidt brought down a sack of samples which he is preparing to send to different assayers that he may compare the results. Tungsten or wolframite, is well known by experienced mining men, is a mineral used in connection with the manufacture of high speed tools, armor plate, alloys, etc., and also is used quite extensively in the making of a certain grade of electric light globe. Discoveries have been made in other portions of the Tobacco Root range of mountains of rock similar in substance to tungsten, but tests failed to bring out sufficient value to warrant mining it.

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- Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for o-
 n exchange.
- Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
- Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
- Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society
 that you wish your name withdrawn.
- The society gives as a premium, five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured

and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.

7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.

8. Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive The WEST regularly, and not the Secretary of The UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.

9. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.

10. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico, West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months;

11. We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published June 1st, so if you wish a copy, please send postage to the Secretary.]

12. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

	Previous	New	Total		Previous	New	Total
17.	L. T. Brodstone		1	1837.	Lillian Bohl		1
1847.	Guy Longstreth		1	1893.	Fred Ford		2
1916.	K. Smit		2	1935.	E. E. Myrvold		1
1909.	Geo. A. Washburn		1	1447.	W. C. Rowe		1

COMPLAINTS.

Donald W. Martin (1510) complains of 1775, 1764, 1711, 1813, 1676, 1681.

Henry R. Fielder (1672) complains of 1811 and 1819.

Ellis Jones (1890) complains of 1508, 1509, 1534. If these members do not respond at once, we will be obliged to take action against them.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our club. The following memberships expire during January. Please renew at once.

392, 578, 622, 758, 890, 903, 924, 1120, 1124, 1271, 1325, 1330, 1362, 1367, 1459, 1693, 1694, 1696, 1697, 1699, 1700, 1701, 1703, 1704, 1705, 1706, 1707, 1708, 1711, 1712, 1713, 1714, 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724.

The new membership list for 1910 is in preparation and will soon be in the printer's hands. It is our intention to eliminate every member therefrom who has not paid the dues, so if you want your name to appear on the new list you must send in your renewal at once. The list will be complete to date and will contain only the names of honest, active collectors. Further announcement later.

This is the time of year when collectors are most interested in their cards, and now is the time to induce your friends to join the UNION. Remember, for each new member you secure, you receive an offer of five fine cards and your name on the Roll of Honor. It is also intended to give an extra offer to the member sending in the largest list of new members during the next six months. This offer will be worth working for, and at the same time you will help to make the UNION larger and more interesting to yourself and others. Every new name you send in helps. How many blanks can you use?

RESIGNED.

1315. O. E. Granberry.

1879. P. B. Oakley.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1143. Gen. Forney Gilliam, Box 510, Tulare, Calif., wants only Masonic Temple views from U. S., and all kinds of foreign.

1856. Lew C. Toups, 1522 Dumaine St., New Orleans, La., would like cards from all foreign members, also U. S. Prompt reply.

1890. Ellis Jones, Quanah, Texas, answers promptly. Capitols, churches,

schools, ships preferred; foreign especially desired.

RENEWALS.

945. Alois Vedernjak, 243 East 84 St., New York, N. Y., foreign only.
1631. Burton E. Williams, 8707 Willard Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
1637. Bernhard Easterling, 621 W. 27th St., Kearney, Neb.
1662. Will S. Loucks, 611 Mulberry St., Scottsdale, Pa.
1672. Henry R. Fiedler, care Citizen's Nat. Bank, Mansfield, Ohio, would like to hear from all members; cards answered day received.
1695. Miss Catherine Curtin, 278 Highland Ave., Aurora, Ill.
1698. Eugene Clifford, Pierce, Idaho, will send foreign members photo views for common views; or will exchange photo views with U. S. members.
1710. Mrs. Jessie Beals, 2531 Tenth St., Boulder, Colo.
1204. Hjalmar Haddorf, North Platte, Nebr.

NEW MEMBERS.

1916. K. Smit, Zuideinde A 237, Koog a-d Zaan, Holland, will always send first.
1931. Miss Emma Forbes Bohl, 700 Seventh Ave., Peoria, Ill., desires only view cards; birthday, September.
1932. H. V. Viquesuey, Belington, W. Virginia.
1933. E. C. Schmanke, Box 615, Fairbanks, Alaska., desires foreign only.
1934. Frances E. Creamer, Box 736, Fairbanks, Alaska.
1935. E. E. Myrvold, Pouch A, Harrisburg, Pa.
1936. R. R. Gillis, State Hospital, Harrisburg, Pa.
1937. C. van't Hof, Wormerveer, Holland, always sends first.
1938. Mrs. E. N. Bloemendall-Merens, Zaanweg 80, Wormerveer, Holland.
1939. C. M. Seymour, 1186 Park St., West Hartford, Conn., photo cards and photos of people only.
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1941. Bruce M. Angle, 1211 East 54th, Chicago, Ill.
1942. G. C. Weston, 823 Elsmere Place, New York, N. Y.
1943. M. P. Weerasekers, Ambewatte Mills, Colombo, Ceylon, always sends first.
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1949. Paul E. Rowe, 156 Leasure Ave., New Castle, Pa., will send first to U. S. members; views only. Factories, mills, shops desired.
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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL CARDS.

Mr. Arthur Charlick, of Rose Park, South Australia, informs us that a series of 30 view postcards are being used officially for South Australia. The view is on the same side as the stamp, with space for address, and the color of the stamp same as view (two colors issued—pink and black). The views comprise scenery, cattle, public buildings, etc. Mr. Charlick offers to send any reader any of these cards for 2d each in British Stamps, or reserve any at 35c per dozen provided they are still in issue.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

Vol. I. No. 1 of "The Archaeological Bulletin," published quarterly by The International Society of Archaeologists, is to hand, and is quite a nice and interesting publication and will, no doubt, be quite a feature of the society. Following is a list of the contents of the initial number: "Archaeological Notes of Northwestern Kansas," Remsburg. "Mound Building in Miami County, Ohio," Rayne. "Archaeology of the Southwest," Auld. "Archaeology of Ten Mile Valley, Washington County, Pennsylvania," Dudd. "Archaeological Sketch of Western Shelby County, Ohio," Emert. "Proper Method of Exploring a Village Site," "The Prospects of Archaeology," Strong. "Indian Village Sites Near Camanche, Texas," Straley. "Mound Builders or Indians," Bullis. "Archaeological Sketch of Central Indiana," Tribbert. "Central States," Wilson. "Items of Interest to Members of the International Society of Archaeologists," Secretary. The subscription price is only 50 cents a year to non members of the society. If you are interested in archaeology, and especially American archaeology, you should become a member of this growing society and lend your mite of knowledge and endeavors to your fellow students elsewhere. Write for information to Allen Jesse Reynolds, Box 534, Council Grove, Kansas.

The editor of this department has just issued a little volume entitled "Archaeic Gleanings; a Study of the Archaeology of Nuckolls county, Nebraska." The work is cloth bound, contains 56 pages, and is illustrated with ten plates, nine of which are from the pen of the author. Each volume is numbered and centographed, and as the edition is limited those desiring a copy will have to get in their order early—The price is only 50 cents, post paid.

Mineral Microbes.—Prof. C. Matignon of the College of France recently described his experiments with ancient medals, vases, and so forth, of lead, which are gradually disintegrating in the Museum of Cluny. After a certain number of years they fall into dust. The cause, he says, is the presence of minute traces of saline matter, with which the objects have become impregnated during their long burial in the soil under water. These microscopic chemical impurities play the part of bacteria and microbes in living bodies. In other words, the lead is "sick", and unless the noxious matter can be removed, will inevitably perish. Curiously enough, he finds that if traces of salt are imparted to a fresh mass of lead, it is attacked, and eventually falls to pieces like the objects in the museum.

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- Members must enclose postage when writing President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treas. and Chief Bureau of Translation.
- Members are requested to notify the Publisher of The PHILATELIC WEST when paper does not come, not the Secretary of the club.
- We close our report on the 15th of the month and all new members, notices, etc., received after that date must be held over to next report
- Members are required to put their name, address and club number on all cards sent for or in exchange. No member will be reimbursed who fails to put his club number on cards in case he does not get reply.
- In case you fail to receive reply notify the secretary promptly. Members in United States are allowed two weeks to answer cards in, Canada and U. S. Island colonies one month, Mexico, West Indies, Europe and Australia two months, all other countries three months.
- Members will be reimbursed upon the following conditions: When complaint is made the Sec'y-Treas. will at once refund the cost of card plus postage. After two persons have complained of the same person he is expelled. No member can make claim for more than 25c during one year of membership. All claims must be sent to the Sec'y-Treas.
- When a member of the club brings in one member at our regular rates he will be paid 10c for same and each adding member 10c The 10c should be taken out before sending applicants name.
- Members are required to promptly renew their memberships unless notice is sent to Sec'y.
- Members are required to notify Sec'y in case of change of address.
- Members must use care in addressing postals correctly. They should refer to membership list as mistakes are made in printing reports
- Members must obey the exchange notice after each member's name or expect no reply.
- Each new United States member counts as one point in any contest, Each new foreign member counts as two points in any contest,
- The foregoing rules are all the rules this club maintains and they must be obeyed. Otherwise the member may be expelled.

Our dues are as follows. United States and island possessions, 60 cents per year, Canada 75c, Mexico \$1.50 (Mexican), Foreign \$1.00, [4 shillings, 5 francs, 5 lire, 4 marks, 2 yen, 3 rupees, 2 rubles 5 pesetas, 2½ florins, 2 milreis, 20 piasters, 4 kronas.] For those who are already subscribers to WEST dues are as follows: United States, Island Possessions and Canada 35c, Mexico 75 Centavos. Foreign 50c. (2 shillings, etc., just half of above. Always remit by money order. Address all correspondence to
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CORRECTION TO LAST ISSUE.

Members please take note of these serious printers mistakes.

153. Mrs. Chas. L. Hoyt, 1937 N. Marvine St., Philadelphia, Pa.

221. John C. Ramsbarger, 710 Western Ave., Topeka, Kas.

ROLL OF HONOR.

John C. Ehrman, 10; N. Bakker, 8; W. Y. Klippel, 4; T. Alp Richards, 3; John L. Rutherford, 2; Geo. A. Washburn, 1; M. Yamasaki, 2.

Our new membership list will be a masterpiece of printer's art. Owing to the great cost in printing it, we cannot give it free to members, who have had one list before, so if they will send 10 cents and 2c postage we will be pleased to send. It will be sold to non-members for 35c.

RESIGNATION.

233. Mae Parker, Box 494, Santa Monica, Cal., will be out of town for a while

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

243. Ernest B. Rick, 2132 Queen Ave., Seattle, Wash.

250. J. H. Tolostad, 402 E. 10th St., St. Paul, Minn.

314. Jacques Weissmann, Promenadenstr. M. II, Liepsig. Germany.

347. Mrs. Harry H. Dorr. Box 10, Celoron, New York.

RENEWALS.

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Dear Members:—Another milestone passed. Let all the members work and in two months we will pass another.

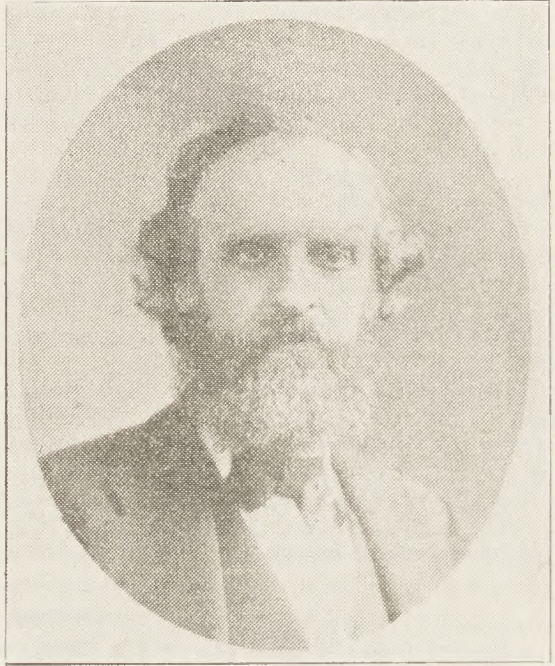
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Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio, Sec.

MEMBERS NEB. PHILATELIC SOCIETY:—It may interest readers to know that on Friday, Jan. 16th, the Court House of Custer County, Nebraska, was totally destroyed by fire, and among other things lost was my entire collection of stamps, Indian relics, and curios of many kinds, the fruits of a lifetime of patient collecting. Being clerk of the Court the entire collection was temporarily stored in the court house, and not an article was saved. My stamp collection was a very fine one particularly in British Colonials, Hawaii, old United States, not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the whole being unused, and the balance in extra fine condition. A number of complete sets unused of all the commemorative issues of U.S., also a large collection of valuable autographs, old newspapers, revolutionary and civil war swords, arms and other relics. Will in a few days renew my subscription to WEST, of which a complete file was among the things lost. Geo. B. Mair.

WILLIAM DENTON, GEOLOGIST AND NATURALIST.
(BY GEORGE J. REMSBURG.)

Only a few people outside of some of the early settlers of Douglas county, Kansas, are cognizant of the fact that one of the most noted of American geologists and naturalists, William Denton, (see illustration) once lived in Kansas. The writer visited Douglas county some time ago and learned from the late Henry Hiatt, one of the pioneers of that section, some interesting facts relative to the early career of the distinguished scientist. I visited the spot where Mr. Denton's cabin stood and picked up a number of relics from the debris of his pioneer home.



About fifteen miles southwest of Lawrence and nearly the same distance southeast of Topeka, on the beautiful prairie south of the

Wakarusa river, stand two natural elevations, from which, on account of their striking similarity, the locality derived its name of Twin Mounds. Some of the old settlers believed that these mounds were built by a mound-building race, but Mr. Denton demonstrated that they were of natural origin. A townsite was laid out here at an early day, but a small village of several houses is all that ever materialized. The landscape here is a magnificent one. It seems that nature must have designed the beautiful twin mounds expressly as observatories for the use of man in gazing upon the splendid expanse of country that stretches away from them on every side. A short distance to the south the famous old Santa Fe trail winds its serpentine form across the prairie; off to the northwest may be seen the state capitol dome in Topeka, and to the northeast may be caught a glimpse of the state university at Lawrence. Looking across the Wakarusa to the north is seen in the distant haze, the majestic hills that skirt the valley of the Kaw. To the east is Rock Creek, where many interesting fossils, especially of leaf-impression, are found. The panorama that here presents itself is one of those picturesque blendings of prairie and valley, of hill and woodland, of varied scenery, such as characterizes this section of Kansas, and which engaged in glowing tribute the pen of John C. Fremont, the "Pathfinder," as he passed this way in 1842.

Here on one of these Twin Mounds stood the little cabin home of Wm. Denton, and here he pursued his studies and researches from 1858 to 1860. Here in this primitive home, almost isolated, and amid the "beneficent fruition of nature," lived this lover of nature, and here he imbibed much of the inspiration that molded his "Soul of Things," and his "Past, Present and Future." Mr. Denton, according to Henry Hiatt, often lectured at the different pioneer settlements in Douglas county.

It is a historical fact that the city of Lawrence was founded largely by Unitarians. During the early days Mr. Denton made arrangements to deliver a lecture in the Unitarian church at Lawrence. When the time arrived they refused to allow the lecture in the church on the pretext that Denton was a spiritualist, there being a decided aversion to spiritualism at that time. Not to be foiled, however, by this spirit of prejudice, Denton

decided to have a meeting on the street. Mr. Hiatt was there and proposed that a boy be sent over the town ringing a bell to get a crowd together. A boy could not be secured so Mr. Hiatt took the bell himself and soon had an immense crowd to listen to the redoubtable thinker. "Denton was much enthused," said Hiatt, "and made a speech that almost captivated the vast throng of people." Denton was also an ardent temperance advocate and promulgate it at every opportunity. Among the highly prized relics of Denton which the writer secured at Twin Mounds is a book which he owned in 1858, and which was generously donated by Mr. O. O. Hiatt, who lived within a stone's throw of Denton's old home.

William Denton's fame rests chiefly on his great geological researches. Among his works are the following: "Our Planet," "The Soul of Things," "Past, Present and Future," "The Origin of Man," etc., etc. Of the many discussions in which he engaged the most notable was with President James A. Garfield, on the origin of man. A few months later Charles Darwin produced his great work on the "Origin of Species," corroborating by carefully recorded observations the evidence presented by Mr. Denton in that debate.

Denton's lecture tours carried him to all parts of North America. He then went to Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania, and died in New Guinea in 1883, while engaged in scientific research. He was 60 years of age. His companions wrapped him in his blanket and buried him on a mountain near where he died. His widow is, or was at last account, living at Wellesley, Mass. The accompanying picture shows Mr. Denton as he appeared when he resided in Kansas.

COINS.

A memorial medal has been issued under the G. A. R. and distributed to every member of the post of the country. The memorial which was decided on at the last anniversary of Lincoln's birth is circular in form, about three inches in diameter, and bears in low relief a profile of the best likeness of Lincoln surrounded by the inscription quoted from the famous address at Gettysburg: "With Malice Toward None and Charity for All," and on the reverse side enwreathed by laurels, is the legend, "This Medal Was Struck for the Grand Army of the Republic in Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Abraham Lincoln."

A fortune in coins and stamps was discovered upon the death of the owner, Ludwig Greibel of Pittsburg, Pa., secreted in boxes and other hiding places around his house which was supposed to contain nothing but worthless furnishings by the administrators of his estate.

An option of \$500 has been obtained by Geo. Forsythe of Butte, Mont., on an 1804 U. S. silver dollar in unc. condition. Mr. Forsythe has already had several high offers but has decided to hold on a little longer as there are now only four of these coins known and the last one sold for \$3,600. It is his intention to give

The moving picture shows are getting to be regular clearing houses for spurious currency. Several of these shows of Austin, Tex., were victimized on about Dec. 24th by having taken many lead dollars and giving 95 cents in change every time.

K. W. MACDONALD.

The Denver mint, which was shut down last July because of a surplus of all denominations of gold coins will reopen next week with between \$18,000,000 and \$20,000,000 in gold bullion on hand., which will be immediately coined into money of small denominations.

Pedro Riguez was arrested in Juarez, Mexico, with a number of lead imitation American dollars in his possession. United States authorities have joined the Merican officials in an active search for the countrfeiting apparatus. There were also some lead nickels, which appeared to have been freshly cast and had not yet been plated.



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Dear Members:—We have passed the third year of success as a society and to-day our society with the societies that have combined, make us a membership of over 2200. It seems to me the time has come for an election of officers, so that the members may have a voice in saying who is to run and oversee the future of the society. Therefore I have ordered that an election shall be held ending May 31, and in the next two or three issues I want to publish a list of names of those who wish to run for office. I shall be glad to hear from every member who wishes or has any desire to act as an officer to write telling me what office you wish to run for,—remember, every office listed above is open, and while I, of course, will be a candidate for the office of Sec-Treas., it in no way hinders your being a candidate for that office. There are also other departments which could be added to our list. Now remember to write and tell me what office you are a candidate for. The voting is to be between May first and June first, and each member in good standing up to June the first, is expected to cast one vote for each office listed. All who are interested in becoming candidates should insist on all their friends joining, and in that way help the society and your chance of being elected to the office you desire.

The one thing that will help you most is to get in the field early and get your name before the members. Perhaps it would be best to give a list of officers to be elected: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, librarian, Department Head, Post cards, curios, relics, coins, fraud, shells, minerals, news clippings, paper money, old books, plants and any others. Address all letters to C. Harris Saint, 921 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

I take pleasure in telling you that Mr. Turpisch of New York City, has kindly sent in three new members this month, and start off the new year as follows: Turpisch of New York 3 members; Thompson of Georgia, 2 members; Riley of Oregon 2 members; Jeffries of Connecticut 3 members.

OUR NEW MEMBERS.

- 2203. This membership is withdrawn from our lists, C. Roemer, San Antonio, Tex.
- 2198. John H. McDonald, Marietta, Ga., stamps, post cards.
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2212. Miss Bertha M. Brown, "The Ainsworth" 1240 California St., San Francisco, Cal. General collector, no ex.

2213. Mrs. Robert A. Kinkeler, Wright St., Stapleton, New York City, General collector, no X.

2214. Roland J. Turpisch, 580 Bay St., Stapleton, New York City, relics, curios, post cards.

2215. C. C. Cottle, 594 2nd St., Portland, Ore., stamps, postcards.

2216. W. W. Bliss, Duarte, South Cal., stamps. Fine printer.

2217. Robt. T. Ridgeway, 23 Burnam Rd., Seacombe, Cheshire Eng., x post cards, stamps. 2218. O. E. Huddleston, 1625 St. Muncie, Ind., coins and weapons.

2419. T. E. Ellis, St. Louis, Mo., 4 Nicholson Place, old fire arms.

2420. M. A. McNell, St. Joe, Mo., 1022 9th St., stamps. 2421. W. Zender, Los Angeles, Calif., 1107 W 10th St., post cards.

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ABORIGINAL LIFE.

In the June number of this paper appeared an article by a Mr. Francis on "Aboriginal Life," and while I do not know Mr. Francis, I do not wish to criticise his article, but to correct some impressions the amateur, or scientific student may get from reading the article in question. We all learn by reading as well as observation and experience and this paper has hundreds of readers who are as yet but amateurs, many are liable to form opinions wholly at variance with facts.

Mr. Francis refers to the age of stone relics (artifacts) and says he believes the Indians made them up until very recent times. Now to whom does he refer by the word Indian? Does he mean the extinct races who have inhabited this continent untold thousands of years, or does he mean the race of nomads we know as the modern Indian? Stone implements have been made by man in all countries since the beginning of the human race. Crude at first, perhaps, but not more so than hundreds of implements found today in ancient house ruins scattered over the loess bluffs of eastern Nebraska. Stone implements are still made by many tribes of uncivilized peoples both in American and other countries. If Mr. Francis will refer to history he will find the so-called modern Indian knows no more of the makers of stone implements than does he. The early traders who were far in advance of the white settlers carried as their chief stock in trade ar-

ticles of all kinds to take the place of those made of stone, bone and horn. The Indian was quick to adopt the modern implement of the trader and except in isolated cases no more stone tools were made. The age of stone implements may be 25,000 years and it may be 100,000, at any rate, it certainly antedates the last glacial epoch as evidenced by numerous finds in the Trenton gravels, the caves at Mentone, France, and coming nearer home, to the loess finds of eastern Nebraska.

Mr. Francis also refers to the submerging of Pike's Peak and the complete annihilation of the American races as mentioned in the Biblical narrative. Now the writer would like to know what evidence Mr. Francis may have, that Pike's Peak was ever submerged or in fact any other part of this country. I do not refer, of course, to the subsidence of the continent in cretaceous or other periods, but since the retreat of the last glacial ice sheet, or since the appearance of the Indian in America. If Mr. Francis will get a copy of the "Nebraska Geological Survey," "Skeletal Remains," issued by the Bureau of Ethnology, or any other publication containing the reports of the Gilder explorations in Nebraska, he will very quickly change his mind, regarding the evidences of early man on this continent. He need go no farther than Nebraska to find plenty of evidence of early man in America. The writer has found the finest of polished pearl and other ornaments in a burial below apparently unmoved loess. This being true, how does Mr. Francis reconcile his statements to the fact that the finest of polished stone, bone and horn artifacts are found associated with rough flaked implements. The March, 1908, number of the *Antropologist* published a full report on the work near Chiles Point, Nebraska. There neolithic and the so-called paleolithic artifacts were found in the same ruins, also a perfect sculptured stone figure of a sleeping woman, closely resembling ancient Egyptian reliefs. If the artist (for he was such) who lived in this ancient house, perhaps long before the beginning of the Christian era, knew enough to polish his stone implements, temper his bone needles and carve images in stone, why did he also make crude flaked artifacts?

The idea that one can tell the age of stone implements by their finish is a mistaken one. Mr. Francis refers to some stone implements sent a Dakota dealer and attempts to classify them by their worn appearance. Now as implements obtained in this manner can not be authenticated and as Mr. Francis knows nothing of their history, he is in error in designating their age and calling them "water worn."

Not one stone implement in a hundred in the average dealer's hands, or for that matter in the hands of the general collector can be authenticated. Some of them are found on the surface, others uncovered by the plow or erosion, and if as in the case of a regular village site used by nomadic tribes may be a hundred years old or as many thousand. The average collector whom the writer has met, is unable to classify his specimens, and knows nothing whatever of their history.

The pile of flint chips to which Mr. Francis refers are found in many places throughout the west, and it is as impossible to tell of their age as the implements made from the same material. In many places throughout Wyoming and Oregon these chip piles of flakes and refuse, may be found by the wagon load. They are usually found in places where time would make little if any difference in their appearance, and where there is no chance for erosion to cover them. Last fall more than a bushel of such flakes were found in a single pile on the floor of an ancient house site in Sarpy county, Nebraska in the Childs Point district, covered with three or four feet of accumulated leaf mold and loess. The ancient workman had left it so hurriedly that he dropped his horn flaker on top of the pile, where it was uncovered in excavating the ruins. There was no chance whatever for erosion, as the spot was the extreme top of the loess bluff overlooking the river. The depth of earth above the floor does not necessarily indicate the age, as other agencies may have added to the covering besides the falling roof.

If Mr. Francis will spend a day or two with the writer excavating ancient house ruins in eastern Nebraska, he will form a different opinion of the age and makers of stone implements.

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
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
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
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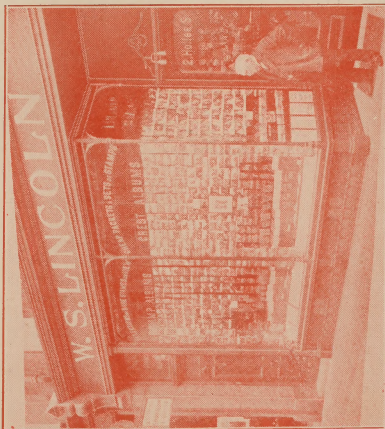
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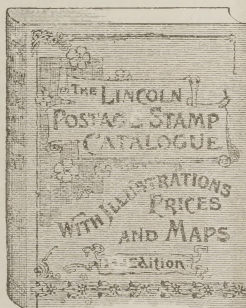
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In stamps as in other affairs of life, what appears on the surface to be a safe investment does not always return the hoped for quick and large profit. Take, for instance, those Salvador provisionals. Speculators were attracted by the alluring announcement that the stamps would be on sale for one day only. That day, September 15, 1909 must have been a busy one, for the postoffice people down in Salvador, judging by the large number of the provisionals that have appeared on the European and American stamp market. The supply seems to be fairly large and there is no noticeable rush on the part of collectors to reduce it. This unlooked for apathy has resulted in vigorous price cutting, despite the fact that there was a "gentlemen's agreement" (whatever that means, when a holdup is contemplated) to maintain the price. From the original quotation of \$2 the price has rapidly dropped to 10 cents for either paper, and perhaps the end is not yet.

Two complete sets of stamps are in preparation for Chile, ranging from 1c to \$10. One of them is a commemorative issue, the centenary of Chilean independence being the occasion celebrated. It will probably be several months before the stamps are ready for the public and collectors and in the meantime Chile is likely to add to its list of surcharges with provisionals that may prove good property. A 5c on 30c has already appeared. Chile has been and is one of my favorites. I have always looked upon it as one of those desirable, straight-away

countries whose postage stamps were issued for postal purposes alone, and not with a view to possible revenue from philatelic sources. But two long sets announced to appear simultaneously, one admitted to be "commemorative" and both containing abnormally high values, makes me fear that this particular favorite of mine is apt to be a bad actor henceforth.

The new Cuban stamps will probably rank as one of the most handsome and attractive sets of the year. There are nine stamps in the set, including the special delivery. The values run from 1 centavo to 1 peso, and all of the stamps are printed in two colors. It is a portrait set, the islands' political and military celebrities being pictured.

The Scott Co. announces the discovery of the United States, 1895, 6 cent on revenue paper, a copy having been found showing the 'R' watermark.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

WM. HEBBLETHWAITE is manager of the William Stamp Co., London E. C., England. See his ad in this issue.

W. W. HILLS is manager of the Hills Art Co., Post Card Jobbers. He is 29 years old and a native of Iowa, although his boyhood was spent in Illinois, mostly at Peoria. He became interested in post cards some few years ago, and has a nice collection of about 1500, sent to him personally. He started in the post card business wholesale and retail 18 months ago, and makes a specialty of supplying exchange members with views for their exchanging. They have sent cards to most every country and they give satisfaction wherever sent. See his ad in this issue. He is a married man, girls keep away.

JOY R. PETERSON began collecting when a schoolboy in St. Paul, Minn., 16 years ago. About two years ago he organized the Rylane Stamp Co. A year ago he left St. Paul for his health and since then has been doing an approval business, first at Wilmet, S. D., and then at Eddy, S. D., where he is now. He pays postage both ways on all approval selections.

J. E. McLAIN is a photographer by trade, at Bluffton, Indiana, and collects Indian relics and old U. S. money. He was born in Whitley Co. and from childhood carefully preserved keepsakes and collected Indian relics and old coins. He collects for amusement and to preserve and has some duplicates he will exchange. In this issue you may see a picture of some of his relics and then you can see what kind of relics he is after.

HENRY H. VOSS, Commercial Artist, member of O. S. of A. and U. S. C., was born in Lincoln, Mo., in the year of A. D. 1888. He first became interested in stamps about 1897 and has been collecting ever since, but of late is making a specialty of collecting U. S. and its possessions, England and Germany. He is also an ardent collector of colored souvenir view cards and hopes soon to have a set of views from every quarter of the Globe. He is also interested in collecting curios, relics, etc., and has quite a fine collection.

CHARLES R. MORRIS.—By John U. Perkins.

On Feb. 1st the Washington, D.C. Branch of the American Philatelic Society adopted a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Mr. Charles R. Morris as Secretary of the national society of the A. P. S. It should be explained in the first place, that Mr. H. S. Adair, the present Secretary has announced his intention to retire from the office at the end of his present term, and that Mr. Morris is not, therefore, antagonizing any present officer of the Society.

Mr. Morris was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1875, and has been a col-

lector of stamps a most continuously since the time when a boy of ten years, he followed the then favorite method of pasting his stamps flat with a composition of near-glue "guaranteed to stick."

In 1897 Mr. Morris took up his residence at the nation's capital, and entered the Government service as a clerk in the Auditing Division of the Treasury Department, which position he still holds.

As a philatelist he has given his attention particularly to the everchanging varieties of our own country, and as a consequence thereof, and in large measure because of his intimate friendship with many high officials in both the Post Office Department and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, his Washington friends believe he is the most appropriate man for the position of Secretary of the Society. On many occasions in the past he has by exhaustive researches into the records and workings of the Bureau of Engraving, and of the Post Office Department, compiled and published new and valuable data regarding mooted questions bearing on plate number, dates of issue, defects in printing, supposed minor varieties, and various details concerning the actual production of our stamps.

It is easily conceivable that a spirit of co operation between the leading American philatelic society and the officials charged with the designing and issuing of our stamps, is something to be desired by all the members, and the Washington Branch, A. P. S., therefore respectfully submits for the consideration of the membership the name of Charles R. Morris as the logical appointee for the position of Secretary, at the election in August.

Coupon on Belgium Stamps.—By Norcross.

Some of the younger collectors may have wondered why the stamps of Belgium are seen with a small coupon attached and many that do not have it. These coupon stamps have been issued since 1893 and are used by persons not desiring to have their mail matter delivered on Sunday—especially are these stamps used on letters. The small coupon has this legend engraved in both French and Dutch—"Not to be delivered on Sunday"—so that letters mailed with the coupon attached to stamp are never delivered on Sunday, while if the sender has no strong religious views and tears off the coupon the letter will be delivered on Sunday and so strict is the department that there is a fine imposed upon the post office officials if they violate the instructions on the coupon.

This system in Belgium was brought as a result of Sabbath observance and the post office authorities were about to do away with Sunday delivery of mail when the Socialists made a vigorous protest to the Chamber of Deputies and were so persistent in their outcry that the postal officials decided upon the coupon stamp as a compromise between the two. It has helped matters much but is not entirely satisfactory as letters may be sent by one who does not care to one who strictly observes the Sabbath.

Pan-American Inverts. Three denominations of the Pan-American stamps are found with the pictures in the center inverted. They are the 1c, 2c and 4c values. Only the 1c and 2c stamps are genuine errors. When these were first discovered, considerable comment was created in newspapers and among non-philatelists. Soon after, a sheet of 4c stamps with inverted center was found by an examiner in the bureau of printing. This sheet was appropriated by an official and divided as curiosities among friends. Most of these stamps have the word "Specimen" across the face in rubber type stamp, but some of them escaped and are therefore in the regular unused condition.

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394. Wm. Deierleim, New Rochelle, N. Y.
237. Chas. C. Morrison, Pittsburg, Pa.

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Total Membership Feb. 1st	330
Resignations accepted	2
	328
Admitted March 15th	21
Total membership March 15th	349

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts,	On hand Oct. 25, 1909	7.27
	Received from all sources Oct. 25 to March 15, '10	107.00
		114.27
Expenditures.	Jan. 1st To printing 10,000 Application Blanks	\$10.00
	" To Express on blanks to Mr. Brodstone	\$6.66
	" " " Mr. Powell	1.28
	Jan 10, To WEST O. O. Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.	11.02
	" 17 " H. A. Davis postage July 1st, to Dec. 1st	3.01
	" 30 " Printing Membership Cards	5.00
	Feb. 28 " Recruiting Committee	5.00
	" " Printing Durs, Envelopes, etc	8.00
	" " Letter heads for Secretary	4.00
	M'ch 14, To WEST Feb. and March	6.78
	" " Secretary's postage Oct. 25 to M'ch 15th	13.25
		68.00
Cash on hand March 15th		\$46.27
		114.27

FINAL NOTICE.

I am sorry that I must still report that some members have not paid their 1910 dues. To those I must say this is the last notice and next month will find you on the suspended list. Look and see if your card has you in good standing for 1910. If not, kindly favor me with the amount, 50c. I hope all who are in arrears will heed this notice at once.

Very fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

CH' M REC. COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Fellow Members:—We have had a lot of imitation type written letters printed, and have plenty to send out to those who wish them. Let me hear from some who would like them. I consider every member as a member of the publicity committee. I want everyone to help the S. P. A. become a greater and stronger society. Remember our mark for 1910—500 members. I need some more for recruiting committee. Do you want to be appointed? I, myself, have not got many new members, the last three months, but I intend to get down to work for new members now. I have been working all the time, but in a different direction. Mr. Powell, our president, has been given some of the recruiting money; so you can expect in the near future to see the work of the recruiting through Mr. Powell. Since my last report five dollars has been added for recruiting from the treasury of the S. P. A. Can't more help?

NON-MEMBERS.

Are you aware what you are missing by not being a member of the S. P. A? See our large sales and Ex. departments. Two able and well known men are at the head of them. You will never regret joining the S. P. A. Delay no longer, but write me for an application blank. Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, MARCH 19, 1910.

84 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value	\$2056.16
33 books received since, value	755.56
117 books, value	\$2811.72
36 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$186.94 or 30 per cent was sold	617.29
81 books in circulation, value	\$2194.43

INSURANCE FUND

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$104 11
1 per cent from retired books	6.17
Total amount	\$110.28

I earnestly recommend, that all members placing stamps in the Department arrange them by countries alphabetically and also give the Catalogue number and value of every stamp as well as the net selling price. Many of the members buying from the circuits are busy men, and if this information is given, they will often make good purchases, whereas if the information is lacking, they will simply pass the stamps with only a slight examination. Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Supt.

CHINA. Strange as it may seem, the first three issues of China were used while there was yet no national Chinese postal system. The three issues, 1878, 1885, and 1894, were issued by the Imperial Maratime Customs Service which maintained a postal system of its own between those points supervised by it. The Customs Service was directed by foreigners, Sir Robert Hart, an Englishman, being at its head. By the latter part of 1896, the Chinese Imperial Post had been thoroughly organized with Sir Robert Hart as director general. It absorbed the Customs post and by Imperial decree all private and local postal systems were abolished. The 1897 issue were the first stamps under the national postal system.

RED CANCELLATIONS. A Western collector has the hobby of collecting blue stamps with red cancellations. Among other things, he has the set of Navy department stamps with red cancellations, complete with the exception of one denomination. A blue stamp with a red cancellation is a pretty combination.

Notes for U. S. Collectors

By E. R. Aldrich

Mr. Chas. R. Morris states that plates 5201, 5221, and 5230 were for the green special delivery and were being prepared when it was decided to discontinue the stamp, and work on the plates was suspended and they were never completed. Plate 5207 was prepared for this stamp and a proof taken but it was never used to print from. The only plates used in actual printing were 4916, 4917, 4920 and 4921.

An Eastern firm is advertising a deep lake imperforate in the 2c 1907 issue and holding it at \$1.25 for a block of four.

In the 1908 series I have seen or heard of the following Minneapolis precancelleds, normal : 1 cent, 1 cent no bars, 2 cent, 3 cent 4 cent, 5 cent, 6 cent. And invert: 1 cent, 2 cent, 3 cent, 4 cent.

The ferries formerly using precancelleds in St. Paul now mostly use the permit envelopes, altho two or three of the firms sending out numerous catalogs this winter used the ordinary stamp. I have seen only the 1 cent normal, 1 cent invert, and 4 cent invert from here in the 1909 series.

The Lincoln stamp has been reported as precancelled from only three places, Chicago, Cincinnati and La Park, Pa. Has any one heard of any others?

I should be pleased to have any one having newspaper clippings relative to the Lincoln commemorative stamp to send them to me. I will return them if desired. Address me at Benson, Minn.

McKeel's Weekly reports that at least one concern has been using postal cards which have been printed in sheets of eight and the rouletted. The sheets being two rows of four cards, half of the cards are rouletted on three sides and the other on but two.

In the Seybold collection are horizontal pairs, vertical pairs, a horizontal strip of three, horizontal strip of four and a block of six of the 5c 1847 all on original covers, while the 10c is represented by pairs, strips of three, four and six.

In the same collection the provisional five cent made by cutting the 10c 1847 exists on three different covers, a right diagonal half on one, a left diagonal half on another, and a right vertical half on a third. While all are very scarce, the last is said to be the greatest rarity.

"Bull's Eye" Stamps. For plain and meaningless designs, the first issues of Brazil probably "take the cake". These "bull's eye" stamps, as they are termed by philatelists, are all of the same general type but in different designs and several denominations of each. Brazil has since then issued some very pretty stamps. Then too, Brazil was the first country in the Western hemisphere to issue postage stamps. For these facts, she deserves full pardon.

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. V. Perkins

In my notes last month I quoted a paragraph from the last report of the Postmaster General to the effect that as the use of the part-rag (bluish) paper did not result in better perforation, the Chemical wood-fiber stock would be continued for the present, two per cent of china clay being added to improve the color and surface of the paper. The stamps printed on the chalk paper are now beginning to appear. The one and two cent values have been in use for some time, and I was informed at the wholesale department of the city postoffice the other day that they had just received a consignment of ten thousand of the five cent value printed on chalk paper. In the 1 and 2 cent the variety can be distinguished by a general whiter appearance of the stamp, caused by the lines of the engraving being sharp and clear cut, the color appearing more brilliant. The five cent issue, however, on the chalk paper shows such a great difference that it could well be classed as a distinct variety in color, being of a much lighter tint. In comparison, the regular 5 cent might be called a dark blue, and the one on chalk paper an ultramarine color. I have not as yet caught up with any of the other values printed on this new paper, but should there be as wide a variation as in the case of the five cent, it would seem that Great Britain might well look to her laurels as the sole exponent of the 'chalkies.'

It has been stated at the Department that the new 12 cent stamp will be ready for sale in about a month's time.

The Post Office at Washington still has for sale the Alaska-Yukon and Hudson-Fulton stamps in imperforate condition. They can, however, only be had in the full sheet of 240 stamps. They also have in stock the part perforate stamps 1ct. to 10c., inclusive. These come in rolls, and any number of stamps desired are sold off a roll.

The new postal cards have been placed on sale at Washington. The paper stock is of a much finer grade than heretofore used, the card being pliable and with a hard surface, much better for writing purposes than the old card. It is tinted a pale bluish color, and bears a profile head of McKinley, printed in dark blue, in a neat oval design, with large numerals at each side and the words "One Cent" at the bottom. The printing is done by the Government Printing Office.

There are now on hand in the internal revenue bureau at Washington 284,000,000 stamps valued at \$56,914,000. This is disclosed by a count just completed. Two years ago there were 162,000,000 stamps on hand.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE FOR ROOSEVELT.

Granting the franking privilege to Theodore Roosevelt that all mail sent under his written autograph signature be conveyed free of postage during his natural life. Introduced by Mr. Fish of New York.

Spanish Colonies. Spain has yet a few colonial possessions remaining. The Canary Islands are perhaps the most important. She also has two or three small islands nearer the coast of Africa and a couple slices of the mainland. Stamps are issued for two of the colonies—Spanish Guinea and Fernando Po. Another issue, inscribed "Eloby, Annobon and Corisco," is used jointly by these three small colonies.

Lincoln Postage Stamp Catalogue, 1910

REVIEWED BY L. G. DORPAT. WAYSIDE, WIS.

The Fifteenth Edition of Lincoln's Catalog has a number of commendable features.

1. It is arranged in strictly alphabetical order, making it easy to find any country the English name of which is known. It might be improved by setting the first three letters of the country names on the top of each page right next the page number.

2. It contains a series of 16 colored maps, enabling the collector to renew his geographical knowledge without going to some other book.

3. It illustrates all U.S. stamps and makes it easy for the novice to identify every stamp in the country at a glance.

4. It omits quite a number of surcharged, unnecessary or doubtful stamps and most minor varieties. Of Abyssinia it lists for an example, not more than 14 stamps. Of some other countries some surcharged stamps are listed, but not all. This shows what a difficult matter it is to decide what is to be included in a simplified catalog; it is largely a matter of personal taste.

5. It contains a large number of notes not found in any other catalog, some referring directly to stamps, others to history or geography.

6. Every page is divided into four columns and illustrated giving a better view of the stamps of each country than any other catalogue.

7. Prices are about right and many stamps are priced that cannot be found in any other catalog, for instance British telegraph and local stamps. Great Britain it is true, is favored in this respect more than some other countries, as also by giving the plate numbers of British, but it seems this can be forgiven, if we remember that the book is published in London. All catalogs show more or less partiality for their home country.

8. Paper, binding, printing and the general make up and appearance of the whole book is of the best.

9. The price of the book is 3 shillings 4 pence post free, or about 85 cents in the United States and Canada.

10. In the rear of the volume there is a large list of packets and sets of stamps, albums, arms, crests and monograms and other interesting things at popular prices, also a number of views of Mr. W. S. Lincoln's premises (stamp shop) 2 Holles street, Oxford street, London W., Eng., with even a portrait of the old gentleman himself, who lays claim to being the oldest established stamp dealer in the world.

I cannot but heartily recommend his catalog to everybody, though especially to all beginners and young collectors in the U. S. who experience so much trouble in distinguishing between the several issues of their own country, and who can here find the best of help.

Publisher of the WEST offers this catalog with a year's subscription at a dollar, and the book sells at 75c with 8c postage, so this is a cheap way to get it. It is the latest and best catalog out, and well worth double the cost.

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The Bungtown Philatelic Society

(BY THE EDITOR OF THE BUNGTOWN BLADDER.)

In response to the notice published in the Bungtown Philatelic Bladder, and a written notice tacked up on old Man Cy Puss' barn, the B. P. S. reassembled for business last Saturday evening. The following members answered to the roll call read by the janitor, Ham Burg: Dan Mark, G. Neva, Cy Pruss, Chala Small, Siam Van Couver, Joe Hore, Nick Araguay, Lew Beck, Al Sass, A. N. Cash, Mocking Bird Bhore, Hungary Pokes, A. F. Ghanistan, Christopher Nevis, Bolivar Jones and T. I. More.

Apology was received from Baden Smith, who had recently been appointed World's Fair Commissioner on pumpkins, and had left for Dakota in search of exhibits. Apology ordered to be filed, and the janitor stuck it up on the wall where a nail had previously been driven.

The following ladies were elected on a ballot being taken to become associate members, the bean box manipulators being Bolivar Jones and Jo Hore:—Laura Raine, Ann Gola, Stella Land, Ann Am Fra, Cora Entires, Ann T. Fogasta

Delegate A. N. Cast wanted to know if Fogasta or Fogerty was the right name of the lady last mentioned, and if she was any relation to Lew Beck. The chairman, Dan Mark, ordered him to sit down.

Secretary T. I. More reported the following applications for membership: Dan Ville, Old Man Goliad and Perf. Jackson. On ballot they were elected. The chairman ordered the names of Ann Figue and Am T. Oquina to be engrossed upon the minutes of the society they being he said the wives of the inventors of the perforation gauge and the millimeter scale. Old Man Miloliad arose to remark that it might be well to take a vote on that question, but he was promptly sat upon. Al Sass assisting him to his place on the bench by a vigorous tug on the coat tails.

Laura Raine and Ann Gola were appointed a committee to get up a social for the next meeting. On motion of Hungary Popes, seconded by Christopher Nevis, Bolivar Jones was ordered to read a paper on 'What I know about the stamps of Greenland' at the next meeting. He protested, but the Chairman fined him a nickel promptly for disturbing the session.

Nominations of officers for the ensuing year was held and the following consented to stand: For President—Dan Ville and G. Neva. Vice President: Baden Smith, T. I. More and Joe Hore. Secretary:—Chala Small and C. Nevis. Treasurer:—Dan Mark, Nick Araugua, H. Pokes, B. Jones, Si Van Couver, A. N. Cash and ten others. Janitor:—Cy Pruss and Ham Burg.

Cy Pruss threatened that he would take away the Society's privilege of using his barn for their meetings unless he was elected. Ham Burg, amidst terrific yells and calls stated that Old Man Goliad would allow the use of his shed free and also that he would find three candles each meeting night free if required.

The chairman called the meeting off for half an hour to the intense delight of A. F. Ghanistan who was busy courting Ann Gola. An impromptu auction was held, Ham Burg officiating. Among the gems sold were the following: A. V. S. 3 cent green (slightly oxidized) having no perforations on the right side,—rare error—sold to Mr. Bhore for 5 cents; a beautiful unused Hussey's local, unfortunately creased in the center, sold for 2 cents; and a 1½ cent black, Canada unperforated but clipped close for 1 cent to Lew Beck.

At the sound of the horn blown by the chairman, the meeting again came to order. The chairman fined Stella Land half a dime for chewing gum after the horn had blown.

A communication from the United Consolidated Stamp Club, of Johnson's

Corners, N. Y. announced the fact that Lady McLeod would lecture on "Counterfeits" before any society for the sum of \$10.50 and asking if the Bungtown Society would like to engage her services. The chairman said 'I see no casion to hire this here woman. If she comes she will be treated like a gentleman and we will elect her an honorary member but I reckon de moas' of us know as much about counterfeits as we keer to. If bogus stamps are the same now as last year we will run our chances and save dat \$10.50!' (Loud applause.)

After further discussion on the amount to be paid, the Bungtown Philatelic Bladder for its services as official organ, the chairman ordered the lights to be put out

Royal Collectors--By O. Brick

Many people think stamp collecting is a hobby pursued only by hundreds of thousands of school boys throughout our own and other countries. But it is not so. Besides many prominent men of our country, many men and women of noble birth pursue this most fascinating hobby.

In England philately is as popular as anywhere. The King himself collects stamps, but his time is so fully occupied that little time is spent with them. His eldest son, the Prince of Wales, more actively pursues the hobby. His collection is very valuable and includes the 1c Guiana of 1856 said to be the rarest stamp in existence and only one copy is known to exist. He is president of the Royal London Philatelic Society which has as its members many of the most influential men of Britain. It is said that he spends about an hour every morning with his collection. The Earl of Crawford is also an ardent philatelist. His collection is large and valuable and his library of philatelic literature is the largest of its kind in the world. American collectors will remember that he recently purchased the philatelic literature collection of the late John K. Tiffany, former president of the American Philatelic Society.

There are also many members of the English Parliament,—Lords and Commons, that are interested in the "hobby of hobbies."

The Queen of the Dutch, Wilhelmina I, has a very valuable collection, and Holland and its colonies are practically complete. Several other members of the Royal family collect stamps.

It is not generally known that the wearer of the imperial crown of Russia has a large collection. His collection of Russian Locals is especially very valuable. The value of his entire collection, it is said, is represented by six figures.

The King of Siam is probably the most prominent collector in Asia. His collection of Asiatics is very large and varied.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is a collector of stamps and coins. Pope Pious, also pursues the hobby. He was recently presented by the King of Greece, a collection of every obtainable stamp of Hellas. He was also presented, some time ago, with a complete set of Kashmir, but outside of this, little is known of his collection.

GRILL AND EMBOSSING. Some collectors make no distinction between the words grill, and embossing. A grill is a number of small, raised punctures on the surface of the stamp. The purpose in grilling the stamp is to break the texture of the paper so that the canceling ink will be more readily absorbed. U. S. adhesive stamps from 1867 to 1870 were grilled. Emboassing is raising portions of the design in "relief"; improving the appearance of the stamp. All U.S. envelope stamps are embossed.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

630. What is the difference between Bavaria Scott's Nos. 3 and 4? In the common variety of the 6 kr. Bavaria 1849 the figure "6" is in a circular field that is almost perfect. This is No. 3. In the rarer variety which is No. 4, the spandrels in the corners are smaller, and the circle is larger but imperfect, parts of it being cut off by the straight lines of the frame. No. 4. resembles the 3 kr. blue of the issue, while No. 3 resembles the 6 kr. blue of the succeeding issue. In Germany they are valued 3 cents and 87 cents respectively used, and 37 cents and \$150.00 unused. Scott's prices are lower, except for No. 4. used.

631. Why are the pesos values of Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador, unused, catalogued so far below their face value? These issues from 1890 to 1898 are the so called "Seebecks." They were supplied to the governments free of cost by Mr. F. N. Seebeck, on the condition that the designs should be changed every year, and that Mr. Seebeck should receive all the stamps that remained unused at the end of each year and have the right to print as many as he liked from the plates that remained in his possession. Used the stamps are scarce, but unused the supply is more than sufficient, and the face value cuts hardly any figure.

632. Has any of our readers heard of a U. S. 1 cent 1908-9 printed in blue instead of green? A gentleman in Brooklyn has a copy that is blue, and he would like to know more about it. I have not seen the stamp, but presume that it is a chemical changeling, it being a well known fact that green is easily changed into blue. I have seen copies of the 3 cents of 1873 that were quite blue, but then the color was not of a uniform shade of blue; it appeared clouded, and the paper also showed traces of chemical interference. If this 1 cent blue should, what I do not expect, turn out to be a genuine error of printing, it would certainly be an interesting and very rare stamp.

596. The Alaska Stamp Imperforate. Mr. George S. Falk of Bellingham, Washington, writes "I was in Seattle at the fair and saw the machine they were sold out of. They used an U. S. Automatic machine which was on exhibition at the Government Bldg. As these stamps were of an odd size, they put 2 2c Alaska stamps and 1 1 cent stamp, all in imperforate condition, in an oiled wrapper which could be gotten by putting a 5 cent piece in the slot. These oiled wrappers were all numbered consecutively. I have number 204 on hand. These stamps were not notched like the other stamps that were sold in the machine." This seems to be sufficient to show that the Alaska stamps were not used in the common way and that they were not "notched" for use. Or can anybody testify to the contrary?

480. (Extra) Part Perforate U. S. Stamps. Mr. V. E. Sisson in a later letter states that the 3 cents of 1908-9 was not issued part perf. by the government, but that it was partially perforated by International Co. of Baltimore. It should therefore not be enumerated among the official varieties of perforation.

Note: Having been elected by the Southern Philatelic Association to assist members in getting any information that they may want, I would respectfully ask all members addressing me in such matter to mention their S. P. A. membership

number and to enclose a stamped envelope for the reply. I shall gladly help all I can. Questions of general interest will be answered in this department, and I should consider it a great favor if members would keep an eye on this department, helping me where they can.

L. G. Dorpat.

633. How may the 100 r. Brazil, 1890, "redrawn" be distinguished from the other variety? The regular series is steel engraved while the redrawn variety is lithographed or surface printed—which, I am at this moment unable to decide; the catalogs do not agree. The regular variety is reddish; the redrawn variety is bluish or greyish. The whole issue is irregular and full of minor varieties, but the engraved series will fairly fit together, while the redrawn variety by its general appearance will show that it does not belong to that series, being produced by a different process. I have not been able to make this issue the subject of a thorough study; I think tho' that it would be worth it and would repay the trouble. There is a great variety of perforations too.

634. What is the difference between the $\frac{1}{2}$ c Cuba 1857 and the $\frac{1}{2}$ c re-engraved? I am not sure, but it seems to me that the heavier inscription is the best mark by which to know the re-engraved variety. There are also color varieties, and it appears that the re-engraved stamp is found in light blue only, while the regular variety is found in several shades of greenish blue. Catalogs do not agree, and it is quite possible that the re engraved stamp may be found in several shades also. In that case the heavier lettering will be the best mark by which to know it.

635. What stamps of the U. S. have been invalidated for postage? When? The issue of 1847 was declared invalid from July 1st 1851, when the new issue came into use. It seems tho that the order was not followed out and that stamps of the first issue were still used as late as 1858. The reason for the intended demonetization seems to have been the fact that the plates for these stamps were the property of the printers, Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson. After these gentlemen had destroyed the plates on Dec. 12th 1851, it appears the order to hold the stamps as invalid was partly disregarded. The issue of 1851-7 was demonetized in 1861 shortly after the outbreak of the civil war on account of the quantities that remained in the hands of the postmasters in the South. The Department stamps, which were never available except for department business, became invalid with their retirement in 1879. The Newspaper or Periodical stamps, which in part were never sold to the public, became invalid with their retirement in July 1898. All other U. S. stamps ever issued, including all the earliest envelopes, are still good for postage. Due stamps, of course, are not good to prepay postage, as they were never issued for that purpose, but, as far as I know, they are all good for the purpose for which they were issued, there being no record of any of them having been withdrawn or demonetized; the older issues were simply superceded by the newer ones.

636. Who knows anything of a 10c Cuba, Scott's A18, bright yellow? We have heard of such a stamp, but know nothing of its history and would be very glad to learn more about it. Is it a changeling? This is not very likely, if the stamp is really in bright yellow.

637. Has Great Britain issued the half penny stamp of 1900 in blue? No. But the green stamp very easily may be changed to blue. Even the soaking in pure water is apt to affect the color. It has therefor been recommended to soak these stamps in salt water, which is claimed to affect the color in a less degree.

638. What is the nature of a French 5c stamp, Scott's A7, imperforate? It is the French Colonies 5c of 1872, Scott's No. 15 green, imperf.



PAPERS desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

Auslaendische Fachzeitungen sind hoefflichst gebeten ein Tauschequemplar eegelmassig an den Untefreichneten zu senden.

Tous les journaux philateliques sont pries ienvoyer un exemplaire en echARGE a l'ad ressa sous-donnee.

Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerrsa la ad ressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis. U.S.A B37

No. 9. of the Melville Stamp Books is just at hand. It treats the Embossed Adhesive stamps of Great Britain and is a worthy successor to the other eight numbers that went before. The price is wonderfully low for books that are so excellently gotten up, and I would as emphatically, as I possibly can, urge all and every one of our readers to get at least one of these books. After seeing one it is hardly possible to refrain from getting the others. The best way to do, of course, is to subscribe to the whole series of eight books, which can be had for \$1.08 post free. Some very good things are promised for the future, as the U. S. Postage Stamps of 1870 to 1893 and 1894 to 1910. If we consider that these will all be finely illustrated, and that the cost per volume is only 15 cents, we must certainly expect them to go as hot cakes, or better. Get one of these books, and you will thank me for telling you. You may order directly from "The Melville Stamp Books" 47, Strand, London, W. C., England.

BILLIKINS PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, that funniest little paper in America, coming from Ohio, for 12 cents a year, has made a big stab at The WEST and its publisher. Thanks Billy for showing us our faults. We have been wondering for quite a while what was the matter with us. Now we know, and if the implied improvements yield us sufficient profit, we shall not fail to send you 12 cents as your due share! As all the other papers have welcomed the newcomer with smiles, we cannot but do the same, if only for fear, that if we do not, we get another stab that might be more deadly. So welcome to Billikins Maggy!

Another thing of interest coming from Columbus, is the series of Auction Catalogs of the International Stamp Co. They are of extra small size, yet by an ingenious plan the stamps are very accurately described, and hence it is not very likely that any of the buyers will be disappointed by receiving anything else than what they had expected.

Other Auction Catalogs received lately are:

J. E. Hussman Stamp Co's 2d Sale March 19th, 1910, St. Louis, Mo.

United Stamp Co. 148th Sale March 26th, 1910, Chicago, Ill.

Percy G. Doane's 31st Sale, March 26th, 1910, New York N. Y.

H. F. Mustain 1st (?) Sale March 31st, 1910, Horse Cave, Kentucky.

P. M. Wolsieffer 103d Sale, March 12th, 1910, Chicago, Ill.

We have also received a very interesting wholesale list from the Toledo Stamp Co. of Toledo, Ohio, a bargain list of U.S. stamps from H. F. Dunhorst, Washington, D. C., and a list of stamp packets from H. S. Powell & Co. of Storm Lake Iowa.

A. C. Roessler's Stamp News revels in Philatelic Poetry and bargains. The latter I dare say, are better than the former. The first volume is now nearly complete, and number 13, as the anniversary number is to be something extra good.

In No. 6, of The Attleboro Philatelist of Attleboro, Mass., gives a pretty long list of U. S. precancelled stamps. Among the Editorial notes Mr. Collingwood suggests the formation of a new Precancelled Stamp Club, inviting communications

to that effect. In a separate article he speaks of a new cigar box revenue stamp.

The Hobbyist for March was as prompt as ever and as neat and bright in colors too. The principal article is one by Mr. Crocker on the Manuscript 5c, on the 13c. 1853 of Hawaii, illustrated with four original covers. There are other interesting articles, and the whole number is full of spicy matter. Write to O. Kendall, Winnipeg, Canada, for a sample copy, 5c.

From the Third Assistant Post Master General's report quoted in No. 5. of the P. J. of A. we give the following:

U. S. Stamps issued on Experimental (bluish) Paper. 1 cent: 1,480,000; 2 cents, 1,494,000; 2 cents Lincoln, 673,000; 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15; 4,000 each. 4 cents, 4,400; 6 cents, 5,200.

U. S. Imperforate. Series of 1902: 1 cent, 5,015,000; 2 cents, 10,675,000; 4 cents, 10,000; 5 cents, 13,000.

Series of 1908: 1 cent, 12,449,300; 2 cents, 25,905,000; 3 cents, 121,700; 4 cents, 311,700; 5 cents, 123,700.

Lincoln 2 cents: 1,273,900; Alaska-Yukon-Pacific: 422,600; Hudson-Fulton: 216,400.

U. S. Stamps in Stamp Books, for the year 1908-9: 1 cent, 88,351,120; 2 cents 281,511,360.

Total of all U. S. stamps issued from July 1st, 1908 to June 30th, 1909, 11,-219,579,441, valued at \$199,007,307.49.

Green Special Deliver, 3,876,551.

Postage Due: 3 cents, 523,700; 30 cents 890; 50 cents, 902.

Jamestown 1 cent, 222,494; 2 cents, 1,178,794; 5 cents, 316,494.

Lincoln: 145,850,400; Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, 70,753,200.

This gives us some idea of the comparative rarity of these stamps. If the 30 and 50 cents due stamps had not been in use several years, these would without doubt be the rarest. The same may be said of the 2 and the 5 dollar values, of which 1,864 and 3,001 respectively were sold, or rather issued to post masters.

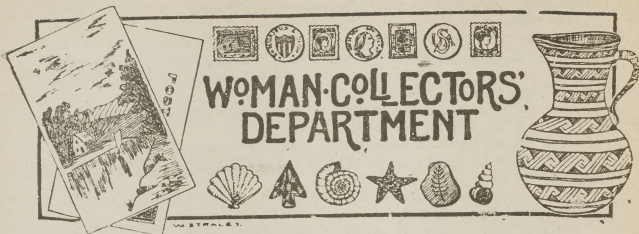
From Der Philatelist we learn that Munich and Nuremberg in Bavaria have now adopted the Cash Paid Permit for lots of identical pieces of mail matter, of which the smallest admissible number to make use of this new privilege is 300. To judge from the tenor of the article our German friends are not aware that we have had a similar regulation in the U. S. for several years.

The Globe Trotter No. 32. is here with 124 pages and covers, showing a gain of 140 new members for the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club for the last quarter. There are eight pages, small print and illustrations, devoted to stamps. Four languages are used, English, German, French and Spanish. The illustrations are first class.

We have received No. 1 of the American Philatelist vol; XXIII., which from now on is to appear as a quarterly publication. The present No. is all taken up by Official Report of the last A. P. S. Convention and other official matter. For the following numbers some good things are in store, as we are told and hope to see soon.

Le Petit Journal Philatelique speaks a good word for the Catalogue General de Timbres Poste et Telegraphie 1910, Th. Lemaire, comparing it with Kohl's Handbuch. The price is only 3 francs or 60 cents U. S. money.

Ionian Islands. The stamps of the Ionian Islands present the only example in which the inscription on the stamps of a British colony is not given in the English language. Great Britain occupied the islands from 1815 to 1863. At the latter date the islands were ceded to Greece. Ionian stamps were issued in 1859 remaining in use four years.



Reviews and Comments

By Verna Weston Hanway

(Publishers of philatelic literature in English desiring an impartial review in this magazine will kindly forward a review copy to Miss Verna Weston Hanway, Lk Bx 8, Dallas, Pa., U. S. A. Not to reader: M, indicates a monthly publication; W, weekly; F, fortnightly; Q, quarterly; I, intervals)

Mr. Brodstone has asked me to continue this department, but it seems best to change, in a measure the form. It is obvious that in the small confines of "space" permissible for reviews, nothing like an adequate review can be attempted of the many thoroughly useful magazines, and more permanent publications, published in the English language. So, I shall not attempt to do this, as even with the best intentions, such an effort must remain at the last merely an attempt.

The prospective plan affords the review editor a wide latitude and at the same time may prove of passing usefulness. It is my intention to acknowledge each and every magazine sent to me for review, with data including the names and addresses of the publishers and the subscription prices. The department will also include, beginning with the next issue or shortly, a (necessarily more or less restricted) table in alphabetical form of the "Leading Articles of the Month," in order that the philatelist "of affairs" can readily look up the articles of interest to him. Of course the ground covered will be more or less contingent on the publications sent me, and as a favor to the review editor I ask that publications intended for review be sent promptly on publication and regularly.

Books and pamphlets will receive extended review; and auction catalogs will be listed with mention of the dates of sales when the announcement would be timely enough to be of interest, priced catalogs in every instance.

Acknowledged with thanks:—The Attleboro Philatelist, February (m), Attleboro, Mass.; Philicken's Philatelic Magazine (I) February, Columbus, Ohio; The Hobbyist, January and February (m), Winnipeg, Canada; The Stamp Lover (m), London, for the Junior Society.

Much of philatelic merit has come out of Pennsylvania, but few societies have had a better press agent than the energetic president of the Pennsylvania Philatelic Association, Mr. Wm. Hollenbach of Reading, has proved himself to be. The Philadelphia Record, issue of Sunday, February 20th has a column article, well illustrated with half tone cuts of some of the officers. Such publicity is certain to inspire interest and is good journalism besides. If any worthy reader, a Pennsylvanian born or bred, desiring to ally himself or herself, with the state

society, will address the writer she will be glad to forward an application blank.

It was with indifference that the review editor inserted a paper knife under the wrapper enclosing a magazine the other day, but what a surprise it was that greeted her! For there in blue covers was a "classy-looking as the school boys say, magazine entitled "The American Philatelist." So dreams do, sometimes, come true! The one hundred and twenty pages were, with the exception of some advertisements, entirely devoted to the convention and incidental business and reports.

Philately has had bigger magazines and it has had more strictly useful magazines, but it has never had a jollier, brighter little periodical than Billiken's Philatelic Magazine. Sixteen quaint pages with covers in brown and red, and "a joke or pleasantry on every page for twelve cents a year! (' Goodness, gracious, Mable!')

"A periodical protest, without fear or favor," read the covers, but I don't think that you'll find much of bitterness or canker in Billiken's; Billiken's so far has no chip on its shoulder. Just a cheery magazine published for a cheery hobby; a nice little magazine to tuck away in your album and to read when the show has been poor, or you've received unpleasant news, or sleep evades you in the "wee sma' hours," or any other of the small frets of life have pricked you. We can all stand the big troubles of life—it's the little ones that annoy, and I know of no better antidote than our hobby and our hobby's hobby-magazine—that's "Billiken's!"

In the official postal report recently made attention is given to the philatelic demand for postage stamps. It is stated that the department "profits very largely" by the sale of stamps to collectors. "Large sums, even considerable fortunes in some instances, are invested in collections. The issuance of the new series of 1908, the Lincoln, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific, and the Hudson-Fulton commemorative issues as well as of the various unperforated stamps, apparently contributed in no small degree to the increasing interest in philately, judging from the increasing inquiries and orders received from collectors and dealers."

One is inclined to question if it is an altogether wise thing for the department to become so cognizant of the revenues that might be derived from this source. Will not someone inform the department that to be in accordance with philatelic ethics, issues should only be made for regular postal purposes?

HINTS ON THE CARE AND HANDLING OF STAMPS.

Always wash the hands before handling stamps. Even then do not handle them more than necessary as the paper is subject to wear and corners and perforations are liable to be bent and cracked. Stamp dealers and others who sort quantities of stamps, use tweezers or "tongs" as they are sometimes called. Others use a short knife with a thin, pliable, blunt blade, like the knife used by an artist in mixing colors. Do not leave stamps in direct sunlight. It is even best not to expose stamps in subdued daylight longer than is necessary. Nearly all colors will fade under the action of the sun's rays; some colors disappearing entirely in a few months' time. Do not allow others to handle or place fingers on stamps when examining collection. Do not make marks on stamps, cut, trim or otherwise mutilate them. Never attempt to clean stamps with chemicals.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool

In a previous article of mine on postmarks, I stated that the Electric System of cancelling postal matter in England would be greatly extended and acting on the principle that those who prophesy should always know, I find that (for once) my veracity as a prophet is assured. I have to hand, a capital electric postmark from Gloucester dated Nov. 15, '09; Aberdeen, Oct. 27, '08; Halifax Oct 18, '09; York Nov. 25, '09; Preston, Nov. 29, '09; Plymouth, Feb 1, 1910 and later Southampton—also from abroad Hamburg with 32 small lines in four rows of eight and town mark composed of a divided circle and figures 11, 9, '09, this being much easier to understand than November 9, 1909 to a foreigner,—and are we not all foreigners to some country or other? Yes, without a doubt. Unfortunate or unlucky Paris (for water) sends me a single circle type of the Electric System, and seven parallel lines to the right and left of it, with the information PARIS PL. DE La BOURSE. 30, JUILLET (July) 12.H (hour) 09. A very neat postmark.

From faraway Norway I get a new design which somewhat resembles a horse-shoe in appearance—perhaps for good luck, who knows? And it hails from the Capital with the mystic inscription, Kristiana (Christiania) 41X0 in centre and TUR.E. below in a crescent. No date. Who can explain it?

While on the subject of cancelling, I should like to say here that the Great Northern Railway Company of England, are using in connection with their parcel stamps, a very neat Garter design, India rubber stamp, and it looks exceptionally well struck in violet, when used over yellow or red labels and stamps, without spoiling their appearance.

After this we hope to have less of the use of cork ends, finger tips, the office firewood—to say nothing about dabs of blotting paper, all being brought into use as cancelling implements, in times of emergency.

The one inch triangular postmarks have a future before them. They are neat, simple, clear, and very effective in appearance. Many hundreds of designs are in use as to lettering—letters about half an inch in size.

Collectors should keep a good lookout for Steamer postmarks—or should we say, Steamship cancellations. I have a very neat one just to hand, Iona, Steamer, Greenock (in Scotland) and obliterator 163 with two parallel lines above and below.

From the United States I get a postmark in three distinct parts, Lenox, Mass., in a circle and obliterator to the right, with small type 1909 between the two impressions, which looks like running back into old times again, three impressions being necessary to obliterate a one cent stamp, even in the year 1909.

Postmarks play many useful parts. The wreck of the Ellan Vannin Steamship recently, in Liverpool Bay, was early made known by floating letters being picked up, bearing the Ramsey Isle of Man postmark, and which all the world knows was sadly too true, buried in the sands so near to Liverpool.

A very neat design of the concentric ring order, violet impression, comes to hand from Simsbury, Conn., U. S.A. and I think Uncle Sam has a weakness for violets.

Stamp Protector. If you wish to protect a rare stamp from possible injury, cover it with a thin sheet of mica, or transparent celluloid. Cut the covering with a margin about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch larger than the stamp on all sides. Fasten it to the page with little strips of gummed paper pasted across the corners.



New Issues Column

By W. S. Lincoln
London, W., Eng. 2 Hollis St.

THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED STAMP DEALER IN THE WORLD.

LEVANT. A great sensation, since writing you a New Issues Column, has been the great rush for Kings Head Stamps of Levant and the marvellous difference in price that they have registered, owing to the boom that has taken place in them. I certainly believe that some of these Levant stamps will greatly rise in price yet. The beginning of the trouble was caused by the withdrawal of the 4d brown and green surcharged 1 piastre 30 paras and the substitution of the 4d orange with the same surcharge on it. At once the 4d brown and green began to get rare and then almost immediately a fresh issue appeared of three values— $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastre, $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastre and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres, the $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastre taking the place of the 1 piastre 30 paras, orange, which itself had only just been issued. With this set the amount appears in bold numerals over the word "Piastres," whereas before, in the previous issues, the number and denominations were printed in the same line. Therefore we have to list:—1 piastre 30 paras on 4d orange. Also the later series:— $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastre on 3d brown and yellow; $1\frac{1}{4}$ piastres on 4d orange; $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres on 6d lilac.

The rare ones of the set will undoubtedly be the 1 piastre 30 paras brown and green, 1 piastre 30 paras on orange and the 2 piastres 20 paras on 6d lilac, the latter being rendered obsolete by the $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres also on 6d lilac.

If any of my readers are interested in these stamps and desire any further information about them I shall be pleased to receive their letters and to help them if I can to complete their sets. These stamps are becoming extremely hard to find.

GABOON. From Gaboon a most wonderful set of four values has been received. They present to our notice a terrifying portrait of a native warrior. The stamps are very quaint in their combination of colour. Another interesting point is that above the word "Gaboon" is also printed the name "Congo Francais." The following are the colours:—1 centimes orange and brown. 2 centimes, chocolate and black; 5c entimes, emerald and gray; 10 centimes, crimson and red.

PAPUA. A 2 | 6 value in brown with black centre has just been received in the same design as the rest of the set, namely the picture of a native boat. The stamps are, as usual, printed in sheets of 30 and each stamp on the sheet differs slightly from its fellows. 2 | 6 brown and black.

TONGA—TOGA. By Norcross.

By reference to your catalog or collection, you will see that the stamps of this country appear with the country's name printed in two distinct ways and there is a cause for the difference. In all the Maori dialects of the Pacific Islands the sound "ing" (as in running) happens very often and when the early Missionaries were placing the various Maori dialects into printed form no single letter of the English alphabet would represent this sound so the double consonant "ng" was used and as none of the Pacific dialects had any "g" sound—as in the "g" of get—the letter "n" is used frequent and commonly in their languages but many times as in this case of Tonga the "n" is used in conjunction with "g" when writing the sound of ing and the letter "g" alone standing for this sound, hence Tonga is now spelled and pronounced Toga.

Look for Them. During the civil war, photographs were taxed. Revenue stamps are often found upon the backs of photos taken at that time.

Fiscal Department

I have attempted to fill the part of Fiscal Editor of the WEST and I will be pleased to receive notes at any time of new issues and of varieties not catalogued of old issues and all such sent me will be noted here with proper credit. F. A. Brown, East Peru, Iowa. Lock Box 7.

(Continued from last issue).

The stamp is a horizontal oblong $1\frac{1}{4}$ by $1\frac{7}{8}$ in., the design measures $1 \times 1\frac{5}{8}$ in. It has a fancy frame. In the frame at each end is 1909, at the top Virginia, at the bottom tax paid in each corner of the frame in figures is the numeral of value as $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Within the frame in seven lines is the following inscription: 'Virginia Feeding Stuff—Inspection Tag—100 Pounds—This Stamp Must Be Attached to—Analysis Tag on Each Package—W. D. Saunders—Dairy & Food Commr.'

The 'W. D. Saunders' is a facsimile signature.

From Mr. Schmidt of the 'State Experimental Station' Lubbock, Tex., I have received an addition to the Texas tags. It would be No. 16 as I have been numbering them in my list in the 'WEST.' This tag is identical with No. 15 except for colors and the printers control is in the upper right corner | The impression is black and the control reads '439—309—3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mil.'

Mr. Schmidt also says that Texas issues a tag for fertilizers but gives no details as to design or values. Let us hear from some of the Texas collectors in regard to the matter.

The fiscal editor recently received the 50c and \$1 Nevada State Revenues also several of the N. Y. state Stock Transfer Tax stamps the other day from Mr. Vanderhoof for which he has our thanks.

Mr. Vanderhoof is also a collector of private license stamps of which he sent four specimens. These are of the better grade of manila tag oval in shape, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 inches, two of them are license stamps issued by the 'Columbia Patent Company' to be placed on spools of barbed wire one is to the 'Braddock Wire Co., and the other is to the Oliver & Rober Wire Co., both of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The next two are issued by 'Washburn & Moen Mfg. Co.', one is No. 513057 issued to the 'Iowa Barb Wire Co.' Allentown, Pa., the other is No. 949369 issued to the 'H. B. Scott & Co., (limited) of Pittsburgh, Pa. Anyone interested in these private stamps would be glad to hear from with samples of any that you might have.

The publisher of the WEST remembered the editor with a copy of Robie's 'Stamp Hunting' the other day. Free to subscribers who remit 50c and ask for it.

Does your state or your county, or your town issue any hunters, saloon-keepers, peddlers or dog license or brass or other metal tag to denote the payment of any express wagon, dray, dog tax or other tax or license fee paid? If so secure and send us specimens and see how quick we will make note of them in this column. We are anxious to see and make note of any tag stamp, license or any other evidences of the payment of any tax imposed by the government where the article or business so taxed displays evidence of the tax paid. The brass tag displayed on the dog collar or on the side of the express wagon for instance would be cases in point. Send specimens and notes for this department to F. A. Brown, L. Bx., 7 East Peru, Iowa.

An Unexpected 'Find.' A few years ago a stamp firm in San Francisco purchased in a batch, a large quantity of documents bearing old revenue stamps. In the lot were discovered the incorporation papers of a bank. These important records were at once returned to the astonished but grateful officials, who supposed that the papers were safely stored away.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

Somebody said in last month's WEST, a hobby is what you make it, and this applies to foreign revenue stamps just as well. The five or six years I have devoted to them, have brought me much pleasure. Especially the time, when no priced catalog was in the market, and all guess, leaving it to your judgment as to their value, and comparing at these days my judgment with the catalog, I find quite astonishing discrepancies. Blank albums, or as in my case I use an ordinary stamp album but have turned it about, so that I use the blank side of the page and the printed page I leave blank. In my opinion, an album with spaces for each stamp is the cause of many quitting collecting when they see that their finances do not allow the filling of the particular vacant space in a favorite country. I follow the rule of getting a stamp first, and then placing it next to the one already in the book, keeping of course, the countries separate and when a page is full, start the next page. But I might say here the stamp dealers do not get particularly rich on my style of collecting.

A Rio Grand De Sul, Brazil, 1898 5000 reis came lately into my possession and is not catalogued.

Mexican issues of 1908, '69, '10 are slowly coming in. Documentis 1908 has an eagle as center design.

The main difference of the issues 1903 & 1906 of Berne, Switzerland, is the letter M in Stempelmarke. In the first issue it is a fancy M and in the second M the middle part of this letter touches the bottom line also. The bar is the symbol of Berne.

The Reichs-Stempel-Abgabe stamps of the German Empire are double stamps. Entire they are generally unused. Few can be picked up entire used. The right and left parts used can be picked up about even. Perhaps the left slightly scarcer. Each stamp has a different control mark, but by matching the left and right, a very presentable entire can be made to all appearances, although the dates are different.

With the Indian and Ceylon telegraph it is different. You never get the lower part and have to be satisfied with the upper half. There is really 2 varieties of the 1 anna, blue of Rajhote, India. One clear impression and one blurred.

The one anna, emerald, of Nawanagar comes on thin, smooth or thicker porous paper.

The Austrian revenues printed on Kronen & Heller are printed on a paper called baudruche, and I have never found a real nice copy when soaked off the paper, so I leave them on the paper on which they were used. On the older issues very often too much gum adheres and to keep them from breaking, I scrape the gum off with a pen knife after soaking.

Resistencia, Argentine got a revenue on which the palm tree resembles the one of Haiti.

Those double stamps unused of Cordova, lacking the control number are either finished proofs or remaining stock not needed. I cannot say to their special collecting value, but have taken them in at about same catalog value as the regular revenues.

There is a tax of 13 centavo for each 50 matches in Cuba.

Secret marks on Naples. The beautiful 1858 issue of Naples was engraved by G. Masini. These stamps bear his name as a secret mark—one letter appearing on each value of the set.

Rare Stamps vs Perfection Gems

By Philo

The reason why the rare stamp is in a class superior to the "O. G. perfection beauties" is because it has had a philatelic career of interest. The beautiful unused stamps, never having been intended for use as a stamp, but simply as a bait for some collector with more money than brains, is not at all in a class with the rare old issues which have had a distinguished career before they became the valued prize of the collector.

When we think how close these old unperforated stamps were to each other on a sheet, then it becomes a matter of surprise that the postal clerks of the olden days cut them as carefully as they did. The idea of a stamp being damaged because the scissors encroached upon the die a small fraction was never dreamed of. Philatelically, no damage was done, because the stamp did the duty intended. The close clipped stamp, or the nicked stamp, or the stamp with a very slight tear was of equal value for the purpose intended, equally with the stamp which had margins belonging to other stamps. Philatelically, one is as good as the other.

The old methods of rouletting or perforation also were very seldom done to the exactness of the present day, because no one dreamed that it was not as good even if a jot off center, or that one of the perfs had been missed. Philatelically they are as good as any. Stamps in the olden days were often torn or cut in a hurry. Often, also, these stamps were carried about for days and weeks, stamps not being so generally used, nor so easily obtainable as at present.

Again, the hand stamps used for obliteration in the earlier days were not so light as the machine cancellations of the present day. But the heavy cancellation does not, and should not, destroy one iota of the stamp if it is collected as a philatelic curiosity.

After these old rarities lay hidden away for years they were found and brought to light only to be stuck tight down in an album, removed many times, and finally sought after and dignified with a hinge. Because it has lost its gum, or its brightness, or has been thinned on the back a little, not a jot of its real philatelic value has disappeared. The value that may be lost is not philatelic value, it might be the value that would make it even more a rarity, but not its real value as a curiosity.

How wonderful it is that so many of the old rarities are here, even in the semi-perfect condition we find them! Nobody ever dreamed of tweezers or benzine cups in the early days, and stamps were not handled very carefully. To show the folly the "condition" craze has brought philately it is only necessary to mention the great art collectors, paintings, etchings, engravings, old Dresden pottery, etc. A crack, a slight damage—a defect brought about by wear and tear—does not destroy the value of these things in the eyes of the art collector.

Is it any wonder that the time had to come for a change to take place, when the old stamps were to be reinstated? Collectors who now can secure fair to average copies can reasonably be sure that they have "as good as the best." When the generality of collectors found that they had been led forward from philately proper into the collection of "nice bits of paper" they halted. They saw that they had been led astray, and must retreat. The retreat is now on. Philately suffered long enough. The martyrdom of the old rarity was complete, but the resurrection is at hand.

An unused stamp in absolutely superb mint state is not a philatelic curiosity.

It is a nice bit of engraved paper, of commercial value, probably.

At the present time there is a faction in Europe who prefer to collect stamps without gum. There are some very prominent collectors who say the gum endangers the stamp, and they take the gum away. For my part I prefer the used specimen every time where I can only afford one copy of the same stamp. Every collector living knows that the used specimen is the greater philatelic curiosity. The gum never had anything to do with the beauty of a stamp, but the perfection cranks wanted the gum, probably to show it was never used for philatelic purposes! !

The writer recently heard of a body of philatelists seriously thinking of asking the postal authorities not to cancel stamps too heavily. Stamps are cancelled to show that they have served their purpose, and in order that they cannot be made to serve again.

One word more, the postal departments of the stamp-issuing countries of the world have been the only ones profited by the "condition" fad. They have "pulled the legs" of the collectors by issuing stamps more than actually necessary for legitimate postal purposes. And the end of it all is that the pendulum of the clock, having swung as far as it could go in one direction has now started to swing backwards.

'Let it swing!' Stamp collecting is on the increase and philately will be of greater and more magnificent proportions by reason of ridding itself of a false doctrine—a doctrine of so-called 'Perfection' that threatened to destroy its very life. Bring back the good old days of Tiffany, Bradt, Bogert, Handford, Gambs, Greany, Scott and others who were stamp collectors, not picture collectors.

A GEOGRAPHICAL STAMP COLLECTION.—By Norcross.

I have seen some very interesting collections of stamps in various parts of this country and made the personal acquaintance with many whom I had formerly known by correspondence only, but this bears on the personal value of a stamp collector of which I may write later, but the most unique collection I ever had the pleasure of inspecting was this one built on the owner's particular line of thought and to me was very interesting because it brought out so many points of interest that the ordinary collection does not. Then it clearly demonstrated that one with little expense can have a large interesting geographical collection of postage stamps which is intensely interesting as well. To this party's idea the stamps did not have so much value to him as did the place where they were used, consequently with each stamp was the postmark showing when and where used. He used great care to get stamp and postmark both in good readable condition and in such a collection it was not necessary to get rare stamps, for the cheaper ones answered the end of this collection. Then it gives the collector a much better idea of the postal organization of any country and some of the things this collection demonstrated are worthy of any collector's attention.

Bermuda has about 15 post offices, while in Jamaica there are about 180 and at the time Hawaii was taken over by the U. S. they had just 88 post offices.

You might call this a postmark collection, but it has the stamp with it intact and proves a very interesting pastime for a philatelist. It also does away with a lot of canceled to order postage stamps which never do any postal duty save what their governments derive from their sale to collectors, and which find their way into everyone's collection, more or less. It would seem to me that a collection of this sort would find favor in the eyes of most any philatelist.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Mr. R. Mac Millan has shown us the New Zealand King's Head set, on which appears a three-quarter-view portrait of King Edward. The 4p and 1sh are very nearly alike in color, the former being a brilliant orange and the latter orange-vermillion. There is a report that one of the

values will be changed on account of this similarity.

Just as we go to press we have received copies of the new 5c Cuba, the first of the long-heralded new issue for this island. The design is very well done, consisting of a not too elaborate frame in blue, with the usual inscription above, numerals at sides, and the value in words below, surrounding a portrait, in green, of Ignacio Agramonte. If the remaining values of the set are as good, this series will be a very pleasing and attractive one to collectors. Our copies are on unwatermarked paper.

We have also seen the new 5c Panama, (sent us by Mr. Bliss) which was placed on sale at Panama City on January 4th.

Falling prices are interesting, but one has to be a student of the advertisement columns of many stamp journals in order to keep pace with them. In this sphere 'small quantities' is a good watchword. Some traders will abandon a set after it has had a long run and after everybody seems to have secured it, yet the host of coming collectors who have to be catered for should be borne in mind.

The 400, 500 and 1000 reis of Brazil, 1906, are good selling items, now obtainable in quantity.

Rumors persist that there is to be an entire change in the current stamps of Great Britain, but the only basis apparent is the republishing of the old story that King Edward is very much dissatisfied with his portrait as it appears on the present issue. If such a change should be made, would it involve the colonies also?

A collector was heard of the other day who is building up a collection without purchasing any of his specimens, an admirable task, but one that is distinctly not good for trade.

In a certain price list the 50c Columbus of U. S. A. is higher than catalogue, the 15c and 30c being about level.

Chili 1905 is cheaper, as might be expected by this time, but really fine copies proving not too plentiful the price for a perfect specimen will have to remain as of old. The 50c value, from the point of view of a good percentage of fine copies, seems the best denomination to buy; next, perhaps, comes the 20c, then the 30c, then the 15c. Probably the last named couple are good stamps to hold, especially the 30c.

Today brings some new prices for used Austrian Levant 1908, which seem to show that the stamps will be available in quantity presently.

Some of our Australian friends are very much exercised over the fact that a small quantity of the 1½p brown-orange of New Zealand, which it seems had been obsolete for some months, was recently reprinted to the extent of 100 sheets to supply a probable demand by collectors. The notice with regard to the same stated that "any person requiring a small quantity" could obtain them, which would seem to indicate that wholesale purchasers were barred. A pertinent question seems to be, Why, if it would pay the Government to reprint them at all, enough should not have been made to supply everybody? Then again, the very notice which stated the stamps were on sale, announced their early withdrawal, which was finally accomplished on October 31st.



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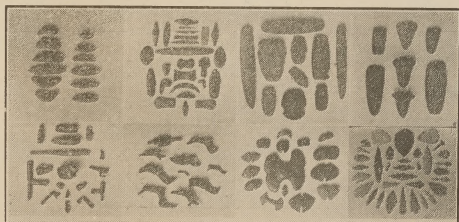
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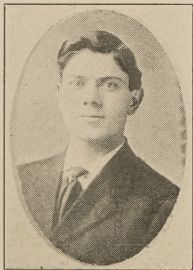
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PHILOCARTY

Are There too Many Post Card Exchange Clubs?--By James A. Carr, Jr.

Are there too many Post Card Exchange Clubs? Such is the question that has confronted me quite often of late and likewise this same question has confronted the head officers of various other societies besides the one which I represent. It is a very discouraging question, and should by all means be attended to at the earliest possible time. I am of the opinion that there are too many of these clubs in existence and think that the head officers of the various clubs now in existence should go together and form plans for a national organization of all card clubs in the United States. The dues charged by clubs at present are not high enough to meet the club expenditures and consequently the officers are handicapped by lack of funds to carry on the business of their respective clubs, not counting on what they expend themselves, out of their own pocketbooks. I have been connected in an official way with several clubs both foreign and domestic and can truthfully say that I have always come out loser in the end. I attribute this to the point at issue. There are too many exchange clubs.

My plan to remedy this would be for the officers of all clubs to have a committee of three appointed to draw up substantial plans whereby the various card clubs could be consolidated under one heading. All officers could then be elected by a general vote of the members and by paying higher dues they would be entitled to have a hand in the transaction of all business pertaining to the club. It would do away with so many reports and all advertising would be going for one purpose only, and not for a hundred purposes, as it does now, with no possible return in view.

In answer to a recent article in the February WEST, I will say through personal experience, that in trying to get foreign or domestic members to join the clubs which I represent, I get nine replies out of every ten letters I write saying "I would be pleased to join your club but in looking over your circulars, I find that you have very few members on your lists that are not on the lists of clubs of which I am a member, so therefore, it will not pay me to join another." You

can see by this that it is not all the fault of our officers. I write this article as an invitation to all officers and members of all clubs in the United States to agitate and begin a correspondence whereby we can come to some definite understanding as to the plan I have in view. I will be pleased to hear from one and all and will make special note of plans offered. I don't wish for the officers of the different clubs to think that I am stepping in to dictate how you should run the affairs of your club. What I have written is given as a suggestion only. But to be frank with you, I feel assured that you will side with me in this subject by saying you are all up against this same proposition. In closing I will say that with such an organization formed we could obtain the services of the United States P. O. Dept. and likewise that of the different foreign P. O. Dept.'s to eliminate the dishonest card collectors from the field. This is the only plan I think that will ever eliminate this evil. "United we stand for one great band, divided we fall, not one but all." It is up to you.

POST CARD SHOWERS BRING BACK \$1000.

Opening a letter which he received a few days ago, Bernard Henry Shaw, of the Los Angeles Labor Temple, was surprised to learn that he had been bequeathed \$1000 by a woman he had never seen. She was Mrs. Harriett E. Henry, of Vancouver, B. C., who died in that city early in December.

Mr. Shaw was notified of the bequest by Williams, Shaw & Walsh, lawyers of Vancouver. They informed him that \$145 of the \$1000 will be deducted in payment of the Canadian succession duty.

About five years ago when Shaw was located at Santa Fe, New Mexico, he received several Vancouver post cards from Mrs. Henry, with the request that he exchange New Mexico cards for them. Being good natured and having plenty of time, he at once complied with the request. Soon afterwards Mrs. Henry sent more post cards for exchange and it was not long before Shaw formed the habit of sending Mrs. Henry a copy of every new New Mexico card that was issued. This exchange continued for years without Shaw or Mrs. Henry having seen each other. Mrs. Henry who was an enthusiastic collector of post cards, was able to send about 300 of the cards showing scenes in Vancouver and other places in the Dominion of Canada. Shaw returned an equal number. Appreciative of this good natured desire to please her, Mrs. Henry wrote Shaw a letter, telling him how much pleasure the receipt of the American cards had given her. She explained that her husband was an ardent huntsman, caring more for his dogs and his guns than for anything else, and that for that reason the amusement of exchanging post cards had brightened her life more than such a little thing might ordinarily be supposed to do.

Then, suddenly, Mrs. Henry ceased to send post cards about a year ago. Shaw concluded that she had grown tired of the amusement, or had found some newer field, and forgot all about the matter.

"It was the most complete surprise of my life," said Shaw. "I had no idea that Mrs. Henry would remember me in her will because I exchanged post cards with her. I did not even know of her death until the lawyer wrote to tell me that she had left me \$1000. In this world, we never know when we come in touch with people of kind and appreciative hearts."

AN OLD MANUSCRIPT. The earliest extant manuscript of the Hebrew Old Testament is a copy of the Pentateuch, now in the British Museum and assigned to the ninth century, and the earliest manuscript bearing a precise date is a copy of the prophets, at St. Petersburg, dated A.D. 906, while the majority of the manuscripts belong to much later periods.

Aboriginal Life

By I. Francis

By permission of the Editor of our WEST, I shall be obliged to answer a Mr. Hughes, who seems to be greatly distressed with regard to the safety of the amateur and scientific student, which according to his article in the last issue of the WEST, are inclined to take the wrong track, by reading my articles. An answer being hardly necessary because if Mr. Hughes had read my article in question in the June WEST he would change his mind as to their 'misguiding' character. Mr. Hughes refers me to history, to enlighten my defects, which I duly appreciate; still a man, who spent 17 years in school rooms of the public school and the university, should be fairly posted in the history of his special fancy.

Mr. Hughes "advises" me to read Nebraska Geological Survey and 'Skeletal Remains.' Anyone who has read those works and my articles, would know of their close conformity of ideas and theory; but is it possible that those works mentioned, however great, are strictly based on undisputable facts, I wonder? If

Mr. Hughes surmises that those works includes the entire country—my articles are limited to the Black Hills of South Dakota—and has this vast country been so thoroughly searched for evidence, that all has been determined final? Will Mr. Hughes please show me where restrictions have ever been advanced on varying theories, when same are subject to proofs. Such would be very useful for the amateur and scientific student to know, also as to take precaution. My theories are based on history in connection with private investigations; but if varying any from the annual reports of the Smithsonian Institute I shall be honored to give my proofs and information to proper authorities. Mr. Hughes says that Stone implements are still made both in America and other countries, then follows this statement: 'If Mr. Francis will refer to history, he will find the so called Indian knows no more of the makers of stone implements than does he.'—would it be fair to presume that one tribe was making more implements of stone, and another not knowing it, when they were continually fighting each other and their migratory inclinations are unquestionable facts? Certainly not.

Mr. Hughes says that not one stone implement in a hundred can be authenticated. I go further than that. In my collection I have of spears and arrows 3200 specimens—which are not for sale, as I am no dealer and not writing to gain publicity and a little free advertisement.—of those 3200 specimens I am unable to authenticate one single stone. Those specimens referred to in my June article, are as mentioned in same, the only two, that I may be sure belong to a very ancient date, their appearance indicating extreme age, how old, of course, I am unable to know.

I would be glad to favor the theory of Mr. Hughes, that implements of stone are entirely of prehistoric origin, but that is impossible for me, being contrary to my studies and investigations.

THE CHURCH AND POST CARDS.

The church is now alive to the fact that if it wishes to be a great force it must keep up with modern methods. In America a man, successful in business, has started a new method of inviting people to church by sending out picture post cards. One shows a train at full steam with the question, "What is your destination? Are you a Christian?" Many others of equally striking natures have been prepared.

EARLY HISTORY OF FIRE-ARMS



By A. C. Gruhlke

The early history and invention of firearms is so intimately connected with that of gunpowder, and the latter bears so directly upon the gradual introduction of firearms, that we have deemed it best to begin this article with a short history of gunpowder. Although the early history of this explosive is so deeply veiled in the mystery of past ages, and so contradictory that we can scarcely hope to succeed where others more able have failed. However, the facts which we shall present have been gleaned from the best authorities at our command.

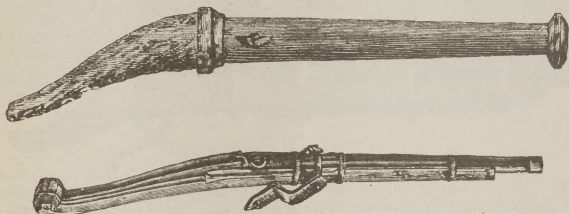
There are no authentic records to show when and by whom gunpowder was first invented, nor have we any definite information concerning the uses to which it was originally put, but there is no probability that it was at once employed for use in firearms. There is indubitable evidence that gunpowder was used by the Chinese as an explosive compound in prehistoric times, but when they first discovered or applied its power as a propellant is less easily determined. The fact ap-



pears indisputable that it originated in central or eastern Asia, where it was used for many ages previous to its introduction into Europe, where it appears to have been first made known by the Saracens. The Gentoo laws, which are assigned the date of 1500 B.C., mention "weapons of fire." Passages in Quintus Curtius indicate that Alexander was met in India, 327 B. C., by a people who used against him "storms of lightning and thunderbolts." There are many passages in the old writers which indicate the very early use of gunpowder. In early ages, probably as early as the time of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, fireworks were common in China, and from them they were spread to India. Greek fire, into the composition of which nitre and sulphur entered, was used prior

to the fall of the Western Roman Empire. Julius Africanus, in 275 A. D., mentions "shooting powder" or some mixture closely resembling it. It was used at the siege of Constantinople in 668, and the Saracens are reputed to have used it at the siege of Mecca in 690, and some writers even affirm that it was known to Mahomet.

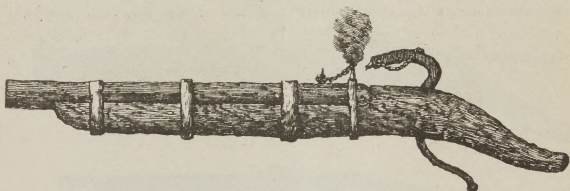
The use of an explosive compound, PULVIS NITRATUS, is mentioned in an Arabic writing dating about 1249. The Moores used it in Spain in 1312, and in



1331 the king of Granada battered Alicant with iron bullets discharged by fire from machines. In '342 the Moorish garrison defended themselves against the king of Castile by projectiles fired from cannon by powder. It is mentioned in the French national accounts in 1338, and is said to have been used by the English in 1346. Some writers attribute the discovery of gunpowder to Roger Bacon, an English monk, born in 1214, while others attribute it to Berthold Schwartz, a German monk, in 1320, but in view of the facts that gunpowder was known in China and India far beyond all periods of investigation both of these claims must be at once discarded, although it is generally conceded that Berthold Schwartz discovered the process of granulating gunpowder.

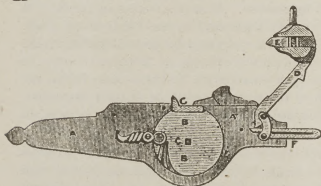
Firearms of various kinds were well known to the ancients, but the accounts given of them are so incomprehensible, exaggerated and generally unreliable that from them little can be learned beyond the fact of their existence. The earliest firearm was doubtless of Chinese origin, for from thence came gunpowder. Doubtless the paper cases and bamboos which were charged with the fiery stuff were first intended as mere fireworks, but as the art advanced the intermitted firework was introduced, which discharged balls of fire at intervals. By taking a stronger tube and of increased size, putting in a larger charge, and a missile on top of the latter, we have a firearm. This was probably the condition of the matter when the advance guard of Alexander was met in Northern India with "balls of fire", as the ancient historian narrates; for the original firearm or tube was a reed or bamboo in all probability. It is alleged that in the century before the Christian era, a cannon was employed bearing the inscription, "I hurl death to the traitor, and extermination to the rebel." This must almost of necessity have been of metal. Reference to the use of fire-driven balls occurs at intervals along the pathway of history, and there is but little doubt that the Greek emperors possessed some mode of projecting fire and explosives, perhaps balls as early as the seventh century. Stone mortars throwing missiles of 12 pounds to a distance of 300 paces are mentioned as having been used by Thang's army in 757, A. D. Conde in his history of the Moores in Spain, speaks of them as used as early as 1118, and at the siege of Cordova in 1280. In 1232 it is incontestible that the Chinese besieged in Cai-

fongfau used cannon against their mongol enemies. Pedro, bishop of Leon, mentions in his chronicles of Alphonso VI, that the vessels of the king of Tunis in the attack on Seville, in the 11th century, 'had on board a number of iron pipes, out of which volumes of thundering fire was discharged.' In Spain cannon were used as early as the 12th century, and during that century small sized cannon appeared in the armory of almost every state. These cannon generally consisted of a small chamber to receive the charge, which fitted into a larger one containing the pro-



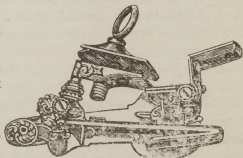
jectile. By 1346 various improvements had been made, and as time passed on these improvements have continued to the present time. In the 15th century small cannon were mounted and used as hand guns, and from these the step to the Arquebus was rapid.

The Arquebus was the first form of hand gun, and those of the earlier date



were fired by a torch applied by hand (See fig. 1, 2 & 3) Biblius tells us that in 1430 small arms were contrived by the Laquese when they were besieged by the Florentines. A French translation of Quintus Curtius in the British museum has the earliest illustration of a hand firearm yet discovered. The Arquebus was used in the bat-

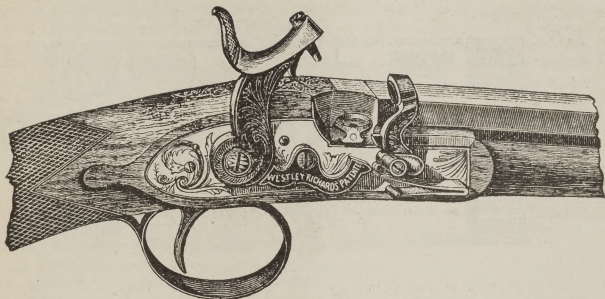
tle of Morat, where the Swiss defeated Charles the Bold in 1476. In the same year a contrivance known as the serpentine, (Fig. 4,) came into use, by which the burning match could be applied with more quickness and success. It was a single S shaped piece of iron hinged to the stock, just back of the powder pan. The upper end was provided with a beak which held the lighted fuse, while the lower end served the part of the modern trigger. After some years an improvement was made upon the S, consisting of a small spring which threw it back into an erect position when pressure on the lower end was released.



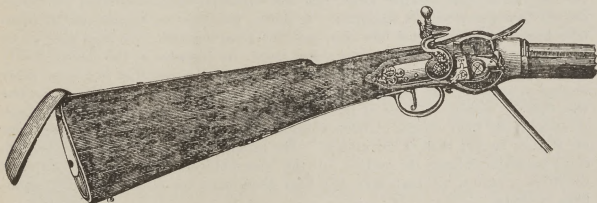
Toward the end of the 15th century the first improvement appeared in the matchlock.

This consisted of a crooked iron lever, in the end of which a slow burning match was fixed. Pressure on the trigger brought the fuse down on the powder pan, the lid of which had previously been thrown open by the hand.

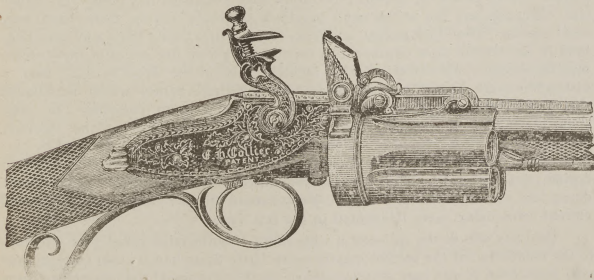
The wheel-lock was invented in 1517, in Nurenberg. It consisted of a small



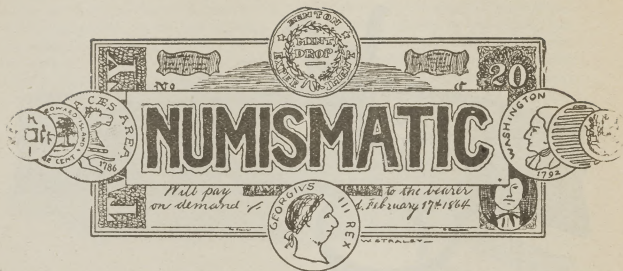
disk of steel, fluted on the edge, set close in contact with the powder pan, and made to revolve with great rapidity by means of a spiral spring. In contact with the fluted edge and held there by a spring, was a piece of flint or iron pyrites, and when the disk was set in motion, by pressure upon the trigger, a train of sparks



was thrown off as it revolved against the flint, which fell into the powder pan discharging the piece. The spring was wound like that of a clock, and the pressure on the trigger was continued until the gun was discharged. A single winding would usually discharge the gun several times.



(To be continued.)



European Coins

A collection of European coins is very helpful to the student of modern history, and shows what a vast change has been going on in European countries during the last two or three hundred years, and how dynasties have been upset and monarchies have given way to republics. It shows, too, how the boundaries of countries have been altered and how now and then great empires have been evolved by the joining together of independent states, such, for instance, as the comparatively recent foundation of the German Empire. The coinage circulating in Europe today is more simplified than formerly, and less difficulty is experienced by the travellers who find the moneys of many of the chief countries generally accepted, although in some of the more remote districts coins struck more than a hundred years ago are still to be met with in circulation. The arrangement of a cabinet of European coins naturally follows the outline of the geographical boundaries of existing countries or states, although they may have been under the control of other countries at times.

Europe is a vast area, and it may well be divided into two great groups by the collector. The first of these include the coins of France, Germany, Scandinavia and Russia; the southern and eastern countries being classed in a separate division. Coins struck for general circulation have been used in France for centuries, comparatively few of the small provinces of France issuing more than very local tokens. The black money, or billon coins, which found their way into England in the Middle Ages originated in France, and a very fine series of these pieces may be secured. Fortunately for the amateur, most of the French coins bear a distinctive mark, that of the fleur de lis, and the king's names which surrounded their respective busts during the Empire, are quite easy to decipher. In later times the coins of the Republic are to be noted, and those bearing the familiar features of the great Napoleon. After the overthrow of Napoleon III., when another Republic was established, entirely new coins were issued, and these vary in design, and in metal too, for in recent years nickel coins have been freely introduced into the currencies of France. Two of these pieces, issued in 1903, and current coins today, were illustrated in the last issue.

Germany affords the collector a wide range of collectable coins, for previous to the foundation of the present empire every little State had its own currency, and very often town pieces were struck, so much so that the small German bronze coins

bearing so many peculiar legends and emblems are most bewildering. Among the greater divisions were, of course, the coins of Prussia, beginning in 1701. To these must be added those of Saxony and Brunswick, an example of which latter currency, a 2 pfenning of 1860, a coin of similar value, circulating in Bavaria as late as 1871, being shown in last number. These, however, are but few among many which the collector will puzzle over until he comes to the more modern series which are easy enough to decipher. These latter can be acquired at any money changers, or from dealers, at face value. The coins of the Netherlands present an important series, for although many of the provinces were united in 1579, they all continued to issue independent moneys. The kingdom of Holland was not founded until 1806, when the brother of Napoleon was made king. A 2½ cent piece of William III., the father of the present Queen of Holland was struck in nickel, a favorite metal then, but the chief coins now circulating, bearing the bust of Queen Wilhelmina, and in silver and bronze. In Belgium collectable coins, dating from 1832 may be procured. The great Scandinavian peninsula will provide the collector with specimens of more than ordinary interest. Denmark, under the kings, chiefly bearing the names of Frederick and Christian, substituted copper for billion, especially in the low values. Norway was associated with Denmark until 1814, when it was joined to Sweden, and for some time its coins were identical with that country. Very large coins of copper circulated in Sweden until comparatively recent years, the values of the smaller pieces being chiefly expressed in "ores." Several changes have passed over these countries, which have now independent coinages. Norway is once more a separate kingdom, its queen, the wife of King Haakon, being the daughter of King Edward VII, of England.—Hobbies of England.



The 73rd monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Feb. 4th, President H. F. Williams, presiding. The following 24 members were present: Messrs. Ripstra, Puttkamer, Lewis, Mayer, J. T. Kelly, Madlener, Green, Verkler, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, Tracy, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Leon, Michael, Vercouter, Blumenschein, Holmes, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Loer,

Krausz and Dr. Merrill.

A number of communications were received from members acknowledging receipt of the Nashville medal. The resignation of Mr. J. de Lagerberg was received and accepted. Messrs Alfred Brand and H. T. Wilson were elected to membership. Capt, Maurice Woolman presented the society's cabinet with a medal of old Battey B, I. N. G.

Under Exhibitions, Mr. W. F. Dunham showed a set of U. S. dollars including the 1804; Mr. Brand a ten thaler piece in silver of Brunswick and a five shilling siege piece of Scarborough Castle; and a number of foreign gold pieces by Mr. Williams. M. Henry Chapman sent a three pound Colonial note for exhibition.

Magazines received since last meeting were: Numismatische Correspondenz, Numismatischer Verkehr, Spink's Circular, The Numismatist and Elder Magazine for January, and Philatelic West for February. Auction catalogs from Elder, Green, Low and Steigerwalt; and catalog with fixed prices from Majer.

Mr. Redman was present as a visitor.

Adjourned to meet March 4th, 1910.

Ben. G. Green, Secretary.

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RULES OF THE CLUB.

1. Members are required to answer cards within time specified in Rule 6.
2. Members must enclose postage when writing President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treas. and Chief Bureau of Translation.
3. Members are requested to notify the Publisher of The PHILATELIC WEST when paper does not come, not the Secretary of the club.
4. We close our report on the 15th of the month and all new members, notices, etc., received after that date must be held over to next report.
5. Members are required to put their name, address and club number on all cards sent for or in exchange. No member will be reimbursed who fails to put his club number on cards in case he does not get reply.
6. In case you fail to receive reply notify the secretary promptly. Members in United States are allowed two weeks to answer cards in, Canada and U. S. Island colonies one month. Mexico, West Indies, Europe and Australia two months, all other countries three months.
7. Members will be reimbursed upon the following conditions: When complaint is made the Sec'y-Treas. will at once refund the cost of card plus postage. After two persons have complained of the same person he is expelled. No member can make claim for more than 25c during one year of membership. All claims must be sent to the Sec'y-Treas.
8. When a member of the club brings in one member at our regular rates he will be paid 10c for same and each adding member 10c.
9. Members are required to promptly renew their memberships unless notice is sent to Sec'y.
10. Members are required to notify Sec'y in case of change of address.
11. Members must use care in addressing postals correctly. They should refer to membership list as mistakes are made in printing reports.
12. Members must obey the exchange notice after each member's name or expect no reply.
13. Each new United States member counts as one point in any contest. Each new foreign member counts as two points in any contest.
14. The foregoing rules are all the rules this club maintains and they must be obeyed. Otherwise the member may be expelled.

ROLL Or HONOR.

W. Y. Klippel, F. G. Eigabroadt and Geo. A. Bauman have secured one new member each. Representatives, let's get down to work. Remember the 10c Commission.

RENEWALS.

Let all renew. Quite a few run out this month. Does your card? Look it up and see.

140. Emil Pecher, Marengo. (note change of address), Iowa.

153. Mrs. Chas. L. Hoyt, 1937 N. Marvine St., Philadelphia, Pa., good colored view cards—foreign preferred. U. S. monuments, water-falls and scenery desired.

165. Wm. C. C. Zuber, Amana, M. A., Iowa.

COMPLAINTS.

I wish to second what Mr. Beals said last month. Let's all try to be fair.

Mr. Kuehnle and and Mr. Tolvstad complain of a few members. These few are liable to be expelled in next report.

RESIGNATIONS.

152. J. A. Allen, Meredosia, Ills.

170. Beulah Seiple, Pen Argyl, Pa.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1. Arthur Soderstrum, 2944 E 28th St., Kansas City, Mo.

250. J. H. Tolstad, 56 E. 7th St., St. Paul, Minn.

NEW MEMBERS.

419. Peter W. Webb, 2349 Mission St. San Francisco, Calif, collects factory and mill views only.

420. Jóseph C. Echols, Box 92, Ardmore, Okla., Rec. by No. 8.

421. C. Shock, 4600 Frankford Ave, Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa., will always send first. No comics accepted. Rec. by No. 156.

422. John A. Scott, 21 Waite St., Maplewood, Mass., Rec. by No. 88.

423. A. B. Carter, 2654 Pleasant St., Minneapolis, Minn., Historical, old noted and water scenes desired. Good colored view cards. Rec. by No. 104.

424. Carey Lockwood, Perry, Ohio. Views. Send him some. I guarantee reply.—Sec.

425. C. E. Robinson, 125 Hilda St., Grimsby, Eng.

426. Alois Danzer, Kaufmann, Nurnbeg, Bavaria.

427. Edw. E. Stafford, 101 Jackson Pl., Baltimore, Md., good colored view cards.

428. Chas. L. Hall, Jr., Sulphur Springs, Wash., views.

429. Henry Hartley, 8967 'D' Coy 1st gyl, Wanicks Reg. Pestawer, W. W. F. India. Only A-1 cards wanted.

430. Lo Wa Kan, c-o Messrs. D'Almada and Smith, 33 Queen's Road, Hong Kong, China.

431. Mrs. Hal Hart, Box 282, Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Members:—Some have sent for the grand new membership; but some haven't I can supply a limited number more at 5c and 2c postage to those who have had one before. 35c to Non members. Am always pleased to hear from members.

Your Secretary,

Clarence V. Webb.

SOUTH AMERICAN COINS.

When we turn to the South American states a very curious mixture is met with, chiefly Spanish and Portugese in their types. Perhaps the coins most nearly approaching those of North America are the Mexican series. In the State of Sino-loa a type very like Portugese will be noticed. The Spanish arms supported by pillars of Hercules are seen on the obverse of the coins of Zacatecas, and on the reverse the great mountain, so important and well-known object in the State. The pleasing little coin, issued in 1874, is very similar to coins of that State still in circulation. These few illustrations will serve to indicate the types of the South American coins which are so varied, and for that reason help to enhance the interest in collecting. By way of an idea of the value of coins, it may be stated that the bulk of the silver specimens of South American extraction may be purchased from dealers, and jewellers at current values, and if collectors have any difficulty in ascertaining what the real current value is, they may, by a rough and ready process of calculation, ascertain it by comparing them with the sizes and values of the current coins of this country, always provided that the coins purchased are in good preservation, otherwise the monetary value is that of old silver, only. See last issue for illustrations.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc., to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. —Forest Gaines

Residents of Foster county, N. D., who had occasion to be up at 2 a. m. on Jan. 15 last, were treated to a spectacular exhibition. A monster meteor, sixty five inches in diameter and weighing many tons, buried itself in the earth to a depth of six feet, at a point about seven miles northwest of Carrington. The attention of observers was attracted by the dazzling light, which, for a full minute before it struck the ground, illuminated the entire country for many miles around. The huge ball took on all the colors of the rainbow and traveled with tremendous speed, but without perceptible noise. The concussion when it struck the ground, however, was terrific, there being a heavy roar, rather than a crash. The vibrations of the earth, occasioned by the collision, awoke many inhabitants of the county, who believed there was an earthquake shock. The meteor kept hot for more than twenty-four hours after its fall. It now has the appearance of dull red ore. Hundreds of residents of the county thereabouts drove to the scene to inspect the great curiosity.

According to the Scientific American, it was once possible to buy radium at \$2 a milligramme; now the market price is \$90 a milligramme, equal to \$2,500,000 an ounce. This was one of the striking statements in a very interesting speech delivered by Sir William Ramsay at the foundation stone laying ceremony of a new radium factory in Limehouse, an eastern suburb of London. The British Radium Corporation, which is going to extract radium from pitchblende found in the Trenwith mine Cornwall, is believed to be the first company in the world to attempt the production of the precious mineral on a commercial basis. It is one of the romances of science that the material in the old days was regarded by the Cornish miners as a nuisance, for it prevented them from obtaining copper from smelting. For a long time it was cast on the dumps or left underground. Today the comparative value of crude pitchblende ore is far in excess of the gold quartz of Johannesburg or the blue earth of the diamond mines.

All readers interested in mineralogy and the allied mining trades are requested to send in their reports of new finds, discoveries out of the ordinary etc., to the editor. Remember that what is probably very commonplace to you will greatly interest other readers half-way round the world. This department has done much in the past to awaken interest in mineralogy, both from the aesthetical and commercial points of view, and we have hopes of doing still more in the future if we are extended the active co-operation of our army of readers. "Never before" has mineralogy attracted the attention of as many as at the present time.

Chas. L. Foy



J. M. Babcock

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Preserve Ancient Letters

Washington, March 5.—With reverent attention the House of Representatives listened today to the reading of letters written by the widows of Washington and Lincoln and then ordered the expenditure of \$2,500 for the preservation of the manuscripts.

The first was a letter from Martha Washington written in 1799 to the speaker of the House of Representatives soon after her husband's death in which she gave her assent to the plan of removing Washington's remains from Mt. Vernon to a crypt in the Capitol. The second was from Mrs. Lincoln, written in 1869, pleading for a pension. The pension was granted and she drew \$5,000 a year until her death.

Representative O'Connell (Democrat, Massachusetts), who presented the letters to the House, said that thousands of other valuable historical documents are now crumbling with age in the Capitol.

In her letter Martha Washington said:

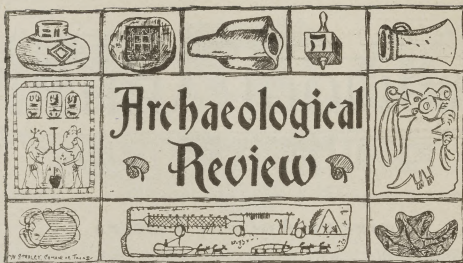
"Taught by the greatest example which I had so long before me, never to oppose my private wishes to the public will, I must consent to the request made by Congress which you have had the good wishes to transmit to me, and in doing this I need not—I cannot—say what sacrifices of individual feeling I make to a sense of public duty."

The letter from Mrs. Lincoln was written from Frankfort, Germany. After presenting her formal request for a pension, and referring to the assassination of her husband, she said:

"That sad calamity has greatly impaired my health, and by the advice of my physician I have come over to Germany to try the mineral waters, and during the winter to go to Italy. My financial means do not permit me to take advantage of the urgent advice given me, nor can I live in a style becoming the widow of the chief magistrate of a great nation, although I live as economically as I can."

The document clerk of the congressional library will take possession of the papers and file them in the library where they can be seen by the public.

One of the newest fads in the autograph world, with nothing to recommend it, is the collecting of postmarks. One should not waste time in collecting such things. Collect something worth while. As some one has aptly put it, "Coins teach history, stamps teach geography, china teaches pottery and coloring, painting teaches art and color and human life, and so on through all forms of collecting—each has an educational value in itself."—Circle.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

RUINS OF 1000 STONE HOUSES WITH STREETS

DISCOVERED IN SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS.

Los Angeles, March 18.—In the San Jacinto Mountains near the edge of the Coachella Valley, B. F. Bond of Long Beach has just made California's most important archaeological discovery and one that will be of world wide interest. While rambling up from his desert land claim, he found the ruins of a prehistoric city containing from 700 to 1000 well preserved stone houses. Evidences of paved streets, strange earthenware of fine types scattered about, and the general aspect of the place shows that it was no mean community.

Bond arrived here and after conferring with Charles F. Lummis and other scientists, arranged to place accurate information concerning his remarkable find before the Smithsonian institution. He already has assurance by wire that immediate and thorough exploration will be conducted from Washington, and has been asked in the meantime not to divulge the exact location of the ruins lest relic hunters and others strip them of valuables.

He states the silent city lies within fifteen miles of Indio, and not over five miles from the old Los Angeles Yuma stage road.

I received a copy of "Archaic Gleanings" published by Mr. W. Straley of Nelson, Nebraska, which I read with much pleasure. This little volume gives a concise description of the archaeology of Nuckolls Co., Nebr. Describes the implements and village sites of the county. Well illustrated by drawings by the Author. It is just such a book as should be issued by an archaeological society in every county or group of counties in each state in the Union. A copy of Archaic Gleanings, bound in cloth will be sent post paid on receipt of fifty cents. Address W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

No. 2 of Vol. 1 of The Archaeological Bulletin is at hand. This issue has made great strides over No. 1, and is full of good things on American Archaeology. This number alone is worth half the dues of membership in the International Society of Archaeologists. If not a member of this society send ten cents to Allen Jesse Reynolds, Council Grove, Kansas, and secure a copy of this issue of the Bulletin.

The following, which is of interest to the curious, has been sent in by A. Ja-

cob Rice of Easton, Penn.

STONES' CURIOUS HOLD.

John Jacoby, of Eighteen street is exhibiting to his friends 25 photographs of two pieces of stone of limestone formation imbedded in which are to be seen pieces of what looks like human bone. The stones were found by Mr. Jacoby some time ago in the Durham cave, near Riegelsville, Bucks county, and are regarded as freaks highly to be prized by geologists to whom they have been shown.

Durham Cave is the name given to a cavern in the limestone formation on the north side of the Durham creek near its mouth. The cave extends into the hill towards the west parallel with the creek. A large part of it has been destroyed by quarrying the limestone which is of excellent quality and used in the furnace near by. The main passage was about 150 feet long from 4 to 40 feet wide, and averaged about 12 feet in height. The floor descends as you enter and at the farther end is a fine spring. A few stalactites formerly hung from the roof. About 60 years ago, when the cave was opened petrified bones were found in one of the rooms. They were moved by several scientists who had come from New York for that purpose and were sent to some scientific Association in the city a number of interesting relics were also found among them spears and arrow points, reads and a skull. The latter is said to have been sent to some museums in Philadelphia. A small room on the right of the main passage was years ago named Queen Esther's Drawing-room, after an Indian woman.

A COLLECTION OF LACE BOBBINS.

An interesting hobby is the collecting of the bobbins or "sticks" used in the making of pillow lace. It is still possible in out-of-the-way districts in the lace-making countries to pick up ancient bobbins, and very elaborately ornamented are they. In the olden time a frequent gift consisted of lace bobbins, often from some village swain to his sweetheart. Hence arose the custom of inscribing them with names or tender messages. In studying the old bobbins the first thing to be noted is the simplicity of the names. We find no "Gwendolines," or "Muriels," or "Veras," or "Doreens" but plain "Janes," "Marys," "Susans," and "Serahs." Some have trees sketched upon them, or flowers, or fish, all done in a series of tiny pricks as if made with a pin. These holes have apparently been coloured by painting the bobbin entirely, and before it has had time to dry, by wiping off the colour so that it rests only in the depressions of the design. Some of the sticks have such mottoes as "When this you see remember me," "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," "'Tis hard to part from my sweetheart," or "Pride is the downfall of thousands," "Practice makes perfect," and so on. Sometimes the colouring is green, or black, instead of red. In some cases rather elaborate, though minute, carving has been used for the decoration of the bobbins, which, though generally of wood, are sometimes made of bone or ivory. Very handsome are those which have the grooves made by the lathe wound round with gold or silver wire. It is a rare thing to find two bobbins ornamented with the same design. This goes far to prove that they were entirely the outcome of individual taste and skill.

Many of the bobbins are provided with a number of brightly coloured glass beads tied on to the end, sometimes in the form of a loop. These helped to keep them in their place on the pillow by adding to the weight, but to the uninitiated it would seem that the strings of the beads must have been liable to become entangled in other strands of thread.

There are slight differences in the shapes of English and foreign lace bobbins but as a general rule the British lace sticks are far more ornamental than those that were used on the Continent. See ad of Mexican Lace by Miss Perez.



EDITOR'S NOTE. The editor of this department would like to receive papers, magazines, books, etc. dealing with the subjects of Archeology and Conchology for review; also would appreciate clippings or accounts of discoveries along the lines of Indian relics and shells. Proper credit will be given. Address, W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

The Nemaha County (Nebr.) Republican, under the date of February 4, contained an interesting article entitled "Relics of Other Days" by S. P. Hughes of Howe. Said article gave some facts concerning the pottery made by the people who inhabited Nebraska long before the advent of the "pale faces."

Vol. 8, No. 1, of "The Wisconsin Archeologist" contains an instructive paper on "The Bird-stone Ceremonials of Wisconsin," by Mr. Chas. E. Brown, Secretary of the Wisconsin Archeologic Society. The article is fully illustrated and gives a fair description of the specimens found in that state, and also a comparison of those of other localities.

"The Mandans; a Study of their Culture, Archaeology and Languages," is the title of an excellent paper by G. F. Will and H. J. Spinden, two Harvard University students, which appears in Vol. III, No. 4, of the Papers of the Peabody Museum of American Archeology and Ethnology, Harvard University. There are 206 pages of text, 11 pages of the vocabulary, together with 18 full-page plates and 16 figures illustrating the locality and various specimens unearthed in an old Mandan village site on the Missouri river in North Dakota in the summer of 1905. It is certainly a well gotten up paper and goes into the history and culture in a most painstaking manner. The photos are Mr. Will and the pen drawings by Mr. Spinden.

"The Stone Idols of New Mexico" is the title of Paper No. 3 issued by the Historical Society of New Mexico in 1896, and describes and illustrates specimens to be found in that society's collection. These queer idols are scarce and consequently very interesting.

We have only a few copies of "Archaic Gleanings; A Study of the Archaeology of Nuckolls County, Nebraska," and if you wish one you had better send your 50 cents today to W. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.

Archaeologists at work in Jerusalem have sunk two deep shafts at the south end of the Ophel quarter, and laid bare a hitherto unknown tunnel. They hope to find the tombs of David and of the kings of Judah, as well as the sacred vessels of the temple.

Among Mrs. Langtry's greatest hobbies are animals and pets of all kinds. At one time her poodle was quite an historic animal. It accompanied her everywhere, half over the world, sitting out every performance. She is fond of declaring that her sporting career began at the age of eleven, when she and her brother purchased a racehorse for \$23.

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- Members should promptly renew when their membership expires or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
- The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
- We close our report on the 31st of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
- Members are requested to notify the publisher if you do not receive THE WEST regularly and not the Secretary of THE UNION. The publisher has been paid for your subscription and is under obligations to send you the paper.
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- We do not furnish membership lists at regular intervals, nor do we promise to furnish any one with a new list every month, but we will gladly mail lists when published to all sending postage. [The last list was published June 1st, so if you wish a copy please send postage to the Secretary.]
- We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in THE UNION.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

Previous New Total			Previous New Total		
17.	L. T. Brodstone	2	1325.	W. Carl Stephens	3
1510.	D. W. Martin	1	1909.	Geo. A. Washburn	1
1068.	Harl H. Bronson	2			

REPRESENTATIVES.

We are advised by the publisher of the WEST that the new ruling of the post-office department will compel us to omit the list of representatives hereafter. Though this does not seem exactly right to us, we will be obliged to leave it out of our report, but will still retain our representatives, and will be glad to appoint new ones for states and countries not already represented.

Marvin S. Wolverton is our new representative for Oklahoma.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire during March. Please renew at once: 981, 1396, 1423, 1343, 1440, 1447, 1748, 1749, 1750, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1754, 1755,

1756, 1758, 1760, 1761, 1762.

COMPLAINTS.

1735. G. Dallas Harris enters complaint against No's. 1772, 1826, 1827.
1907. Jos. H. Mills Jr., complains of 1751 and 1891.
1951. Wm. S. Hicks complains of 1490, 1491, 1611, 1657, 1721.

STAMP DEPARTMENT.

1938. Mrs. E. N. Bloemendaal-Merens, Zaanweg 80. Wormerveer, Holland, will exchange stamps with members.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1778. Joseph C. Oblund, 72 Pickney St., Boston, Mass.

CIRCLING THE GLOBE DEPARTMENT.

- Donald W. Martin, 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Mich., Manager Circuit No. 1.
Mr. E. Clifford, Pierce, Idaho, U. S. A.
Mr. Jos. Lapeyra, Caonao, Cienfuegos, Cuba.
Mr. H. C. Duncan, 72 Oakfield Road, Stroud Green, London North, England.
Mr. K. Smit, Zuidiende A 237, Koog a | d Zaan, Holland.
Mr. Paul Lenglet, 12 Place de la Bourse, Paris, France.
Mr. S. Sakakibara, 82—chome Shinogawamachi, Ushigome, Tokyo, Japan.

The above members consist of the first group. According to the rules of the club each member above is entitled to send ONE card to any other member in this group who will forward it to another member of this group and so on until each member of this group has forwarded it when it must be returned to the owner. See the September 'WEST' for rules and directions.

Foreign Members:—Join now. It costs you nothing at all. Just send the manager a card and state the number of groups you will enter and your card will be answered. It is the most interesting fad in card collecting. No collection is complete without at least one of these cards which has gone around the world. If you are not a member of the U. S. C. E. and wish to join this department, ask for blank and join the U. S. C. E. and you can have all the benefits of this department free. United States Members:—See last WEST for information as to dues or send 2c stamp to the manager for personal reply.

RENEWALS.

466. E. Pierson, Box 95, South Omaha, Neb.
924. Frank Schmidt, 755 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y., foreign only, except with those with whom he is now exchanging.
1120. Paul S. Wenning, 109 West St., Worcester, Mass., would like a card from every member.
1325. W. Carl Stephens, 744 W. Church St., Elmira, N. Y.
1466. Miss Eva M. Koch, Golconda, Ills.
1514. Mrs. John T. Gage, 169 Brinkman St., Buffalo, N. Y.
1644. Miss Mildred E. Graham, 24 S. Emerson St., Denver, Colo.
1716. Harry S. Smith, Scott, Sask., Canada.
1735. G. Dallas Harris, 27 Indiana Blvd., Hammond, Ind.
1759. Frank C. Eigabroadt, 371 Beacon St., Somerville, Mass.
1871. Hans Geh, Tempelhofer Ufer 6, Berlin, S. W. 61, Germany.

NEW MEMBERS.

1968. Harl H. Bronson, Wallowa, Oregon.
1969. Glenn D. Sherod, Wallowa, Oregon.
1970. Ralph Southwick, Wallowa, Oregon.
1971. Chas. E. Rees Jr., Box 100, Sacramento, Calif.
1972. R. Agrait Aldea, Bx 222, Arecibo, Porto Rico, colored views.

1973. H. A. Smead, 126 E. 8th St., Elmira Heights, N. Y.
 1974. Geo. S. Greene, 3088 Birchwood Ave., Elmira Heights, N. Y.
 1975. Arthur W. Davis, 483 Blandina St., Utica, N. Y.
 1976. Marvin S. Wolverton, Admore, Okla., desires foreign views—also colored views street scenes, buildings, photo cards.
 1977. A. R. Porter, 325 N. 51st Court, Chicago, Ill.
 1978. Gearhart Frantz, 27 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., sends first.
 1979. Jay W. Lawrence, R. F. D. 3, Coshocton, Ohio, colored views only.
 1980. L. Harry Losey, 363 W. Fourth St., Elmira, N. Y.
 1981. Willie M. Brown, Holbrook Ave., Danville, Va., sends first.
 1982. Mervyn Henry, 1153a Turk St., San Francisco, Calif., views only—no comics.
 1983. Frank E. Bartlett, Box P, Northampton, Mass., no holiday cards.
 1984. Miss Celeste Mason, 446 Lake St., San Francisco, Calif.
 1985. Elizabeth Matthews, 1265 S. Penn St., Denver, Colo.
 1986. Ben V. Davis, Bx 495, Ogden, Utah.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The 123d meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held on Tuesday, March 29, at 8 p. m., in the Society rooms, in the Cabanne Library.

President Bain filled the Chair and he had the pleasure of seeing eighteen other members present to help make the evening pass pleasantly. The eighteen were Messrs. Boisselier, Chase, Colins, Diamant, Fehlig, Heath, Hosmer, Jurck, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Millhouse, Myers, Prescott, Morgan, Ruedi, Schoemann.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

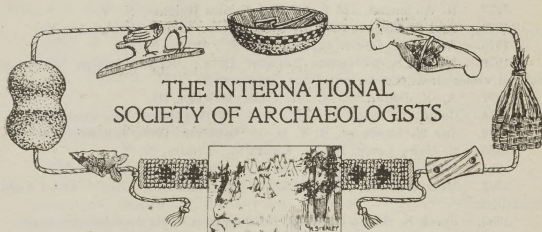
A letter from Messrs. Wilcox Smith Co of Dunedin, New Zealand, was read.

After the business had been settled, the president called on Mr. Mann, chairman of the Entertainment Committee to take charge of the meeting. Mr. Mann responded by calling on Mr. Chester Myers who forthwith responded by bringing to light his collection of precancelled stamps. He exhibited these and gave a most interesting talk about precancels. After this part of the evening's entertainment had been gotten through enjoyed by everybody, another member of the committee, Mr. Hiatt announced that he had a contest and it proved to be one the most of original and diverting contests yet shown to the St. Louis boys.

He showed a large sheet covered with rows of postage stamps. Some rows consisted of four, some of five, six and so on, stamps. Then Mr. Heath explained that these rows of stamps represented each a member's name. The initial letter of the name of the country which issued the stamp was a letter in the name, and stamps were all jumbled up. As the event proved, Mr. C. Myers came out first with 100 per cent to his credit, and Mr. Chase came in a very good second.

After this contest, to wind up the evening an auction sale was held, and some nice stamps realized nice prices.

At 9:55 p. m., a motion of adjournment was in order. Next meeting on Apr 12, 1910. F. Millhouse, Sec'y.



-OFFICERS

SECRETARY'S SIXTH REPORT.

Fellow Archaeologists:—I have a few suggestions which I hope each member will try to carry out. By so doing you will foster the feeling of FELLOWSHIP and personal interest in the society, which should prevail among the members.

1st. Sign after your name your archaeological correspondence with the initials of the society's name thus I. S. of A. No. (whatever your number may be). Of course this matter is optional with you but the use of this method will give the society publicity—and that is what is needed.

2nd. Keep in touch with your Secretary. Write me a letter occasionally telling about your collections, your collecting trips, your "wants" in special lines—I may be able to help you.

3rd. In writing to strangers please mention the Society, always extending an invitation to join.

4th. Keep a supply of application blanks on hands. Write me if you are in need of more.

5th. The larger the society the better its publication, THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL BULLETIN. So the growth of the society will be to your interest.

6th. Let each member select a non-member and work with, or write to him until he joins the society. Be sure you select good timber for the society then work away until success crowns your efforts.

7th. Send me the names of those you are trying to enroll. I will do all I can to help you.

Special mention should be made of the recruit work done by Dr. H. M. Whelpy, of St. Louis, Mo., and W. Straley, of Nelson, Nebraska.

The list of applicants for this month is the largest I have had the pleasure presenting to you. Let us make the next list still larger.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

90. Arthur R. Parsons formerly Indianapolis, Ind., now 210 S. Third St., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Examine the following list of applicants. Each will be admitted to full membership unless reasonable complaint is filed with the Secretary within 15 days from date of publication.

APPLICANTS.

105. John J. Arth r, 1405 E. 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas.
106. R. L. Fairbrother, Granger, Missouri.
107. John B. Gallatin 2624 Decature Ave., Omaha, Nebraska.
108. George W. Bantz, North Verpon, Indiana.
109. James W. Mullens, Roswell, New Mexico.
110. R. D. Vroman, 617 Westt 11th St., Souix Falls, So. Dak.
111. Burdette S. Johnson, 115 N. 11th St., St. Louis, Mo.
112. W. L. Griffin, Box 82, Station A. Somerset, Kentucky.
113. S. E. Connely, 608 N. 6th St., Atchison, Kansas.
114. C. F. Alkire, L. Box 362, Mt. Sterling, Ohio.
115. John R. Sutter, Edwardsville, Illinois.
116. J. McGirk Mittchel, c-o Cruden Martin W. W. Co., St. Louis, Mo.
117. E. R. Ballard, Winona, Miss.
118. O. M. Anderson, Box 121, Upham, No. Dak.
119. John Wulfig, 3448 Longfellow Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
120. W. G. McLain, Box 53, Mt. Gilead, Ohio.
121. Geo. A. Strauss, R. F. D. 1, West Alexander, Penna.
122. Frank K. Lowe, Upper Alton, Illinois.
123. Geo. A. Katzenberger, Drawer 156, Greenville, Ohio.
124. Herman Zippert, 1416 E. 59th St., Cleveland, Ohio.
125. Alvin A. McReynolds, Lincoln Business College, Lincoln, Nebraska.
126. George F. Will, Bismark, No. Dak.
127. Prof. T. L. Eyerly, Dallas High School, Dallas, Texas.
128. F. W. Gress, 627 N. Ann St., Albion, Michigan.
129. H. C. Hoyt, 313 Joplin St., Joplin, Missouri.
130. Harold G. Rugg, Hanover, New Hampshire.
131. Paul Mignon, Box 306, Navasota, Texas.
132. Thomas M. Owen, St-te Capital, Montgomery, Alabama.
133. Fayette P. Graves, Doe Run, Missouri.
134. Dr. H. L. Porter, Seneca, Missouri.
135. Andrew Nelson, Revere, Missouri.

If the reader is not a member but has a desire to know more about the society, kindly address the Secretary.

Allen Jesse Reynolds,

Box 534, Council Grove, Kansas.

It ought certainly to be a source of satisfaction to those interested in our hobby to know that school teachers are beginning to realise the value of the picture post card as an important adjunct to the instruction of their pupils, especially in regard to the subject of geography, and in a very considerable degree to history also.

The Collectors' Union

Dear Members:—I am pleased to give you a list this month of those who have expressed a desire to be officers in our society. There is time up to the first of May to file for any place and will be glad to hear from anyone. Remember that any time between the first of May and the first of June you can send in your votes. One for each office listed or your choice for any line of collecting not listed. I wish to call your attention also to another important thing that I want you to express yourself on. Do you wish the price of yearly membership raised to one dollar a year and receive monthly private lists of new members and reports of officers, etc. I wish to say that I think it the only proper way to run a society and believe that there is no member that would hesitate to pay one dollar a year for such increased benefits as he would receive. I hope you will vote and give your opinions freely regarding this. The society has no money on hand to stock up with membership blanks and advertising matter, and as we are increasing now we ought to have a lot of advertising matter sent out. I am willing to give one dollar towards an extensive campaign for new members. I wish to give you a list of premiums which have been offered. Our President, Mr. Fabian offers twenty premiums for the most members before Sept. 1st of this year. They are:—1st, souvenir post card album; 2nd, postage stamp album; 3rd, 100 Brooklyn, New York City view cards; 4th, 50 Brooklyn, New York views; 5th and 6th, each nice packet of postage stamps; 7th, 20 souvenir cards; 8th, packet of stamps; 9th, 15 souvenir cards; 10th, packet of stamps; 11th to 20th, each 10 souvenir cards. Mr. Fabian also offers to give every one asking for one a millimeter scale and perforation gauge. There already are several premiums offered in the post card department and these offers are open in connection with those. Mr. L. G. Cline offers two packets of stamps to the one securing the most members before June 1st. These offers of course are conditioned that the contestants must secure at least three new members or renewals. Mr. Carl Stephens offers 1st, 2nd and 3rd premiums of 15, 10, and 5 view cards for the prettiest view card received before June 1st. See post card department for other offers.

Following is list of officers to date:—Pres., G. Fabian, Jr.; Vice Pres., W. Straley, Dr. Whelpley, St. Louis, Mo; Sec Treas., Saint; Chief Post Card Dep't James A. Carr; Chief Stamp Dep't, W. W. Barclay, Wm. S. Hicks, Raleigh, N.C. Chief Coin Dep't, Erman Coate, Elwood, Nebr.; Chief Entomological Dep't, Donald B. Dow, Elwood, Nebr.; Chief Shell Dep't, John Holzman; Chief News Clipping Dep't, L. G. Cline; Librarian, Geo. Frammond; Fraud Dep't, Geo. Zuckschwerdt; Clarence B. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

New Members:—2237. Y. G. Leekun, Douglas St., Kings Road, Victoria, B. C., stamps, post cards. 2258. P. Nilr, Martin, Mauritius, Forest Side, stamps. 2259. B. L. Morgan, Fremont, Nebr., stamps. 2260. W. F. Padhing, Box 45, Panama, stamps. 2261. F. W. Dean, Alliance, Ohio, stamps. 2262. H. Woodlands, Kapunda, South Australia, stamps. 2263. Geo. H. Bochoven, Palmyra, N. Y., stamps, cigar bands, minerals, fossils, shells, Indian relics. 2264. Geo. Shellenberger, Elwood, Nebr., stamps, coins, insects, minerals, Indian relics. 2265. Wm. C. Jeffries, 715 Kossuth St., Bridgeport, Conn., stamps, coins, foreign post cards, photos. 2266. Erman Coate, Elwood, Nebr., stamps. 2267. W. Wathen Johnston, Box 86, Monroe, La., stamps, coins, post cards. 2268. C. M. Lewis, 503 W. 124 St., New York City, dealer and exchanges p. c. 2269. Bigger, 2030 Miami St., Omaha, Nebr., buy and exchange post cards.

Photo Post Cards--Why I Like Them

By R. H. Hedrick of St. Joseph, Mo.

Last time, I told you how to make them. This month I want to tell you why I like photo post cards better than lithographed or printed ones.

1st. Because, as I told you last month, they reflect the personality of the maker. One, by careful study of photo post cards can learn a great many things about the habits of the maker, even tho' he or she may live miles away, in some distant part of the world. It shows me where they go, where they spend their time, and the scenes or views they see I also can see, or at least a part of them.

Whenever I receive a photo card I can see where my correspondent was at the time the picture was made.

2nd. Because you have so much wider range in choosing your pictures from than the other kind. Most lithographed cards are of the same kind—a postoffice, library, school or church.

The most beautiful spots I have seen or the best photo cards, were of some secluded spot away from the traveled paths of man, which only a camera man or woman can find. A quiet spring at the foot of the hill or a shaded corner in the woods and a great many pretty scenes are right at our doors,—an old spring house, an old abandoned log house or many other interesting scenes. I once saw a photo of a lonely road thro' the woods, and through the opening in the woods one could see an open field; to the right of the field was an old rail fence. The picture was done in sepia and called autumn. It took me back in fancy to my childhood, where I was only a farmer boy, away back before there was a Kodak or picture post card of any kind.

There are thousands of just such views right around our doors, and yet we cry for something beautiful to take. I sent a correspondent of mine my No. 1 Post card—a rustic Bridge in Krug Park. He sent me in return a very beautiful card and said, "Oh! for a view like that here.—yet he had just as good right at home.

3rd. The most important reason of them all: In the small cities and town it is almost impossible to get suitable cards, except you get them from the larger cities around, and then they are not local views at all, and are very disappointing to your correspondents, who are expecting a view of your locality and get one instead of the Brooklyn Bridge or the Lakeside driving park or some other distant place.

I once sent one of my Southern correspondents a photo card of Williamsburg Bridge, N. Y., and he wrote back (and very justly) please send local views.

When I go riding I take my camera. If I go fishing or hunting I also take it along, and I get a great many good negatives that way. I like a 4x5 magazine camera for trips around town or into the country, because you don't have to carry plate holders or tripod. The pictures I take on my trips you can't find in the post card shop.

Then, my photo cards don't cost as much as good lithographed ones do. Photo cards can be made for 21c per dozen. The others cost about 30 cents in the smaller towns. You can make 2 dozen post cards from a 4x5 plate for 33c or 10c per doz. and by making a mark the size of a card and cutting out the center $2\frac{1}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ in. will make a white border nearly $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide around the entire edge of the cards instead of over $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch on one end, thereby giving the card a more finished appearance.

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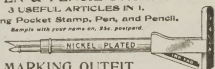
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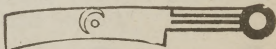
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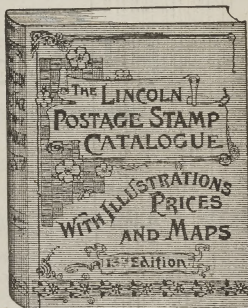
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
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	Per 12 Per 100		
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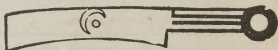
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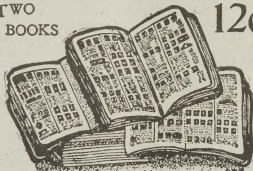
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Of course we can all agree that an immaculate mint copy of a stamp, when perfectly centered, represents the best attainable in condition. That is the starting point, but as soon as we leave it our ideas begin to diverge, the individual asserts himself, looks at the stamp from his own view point and draws his own conclusions. That is why we have no such thing as a standard in condition and why it is folly to attempt to establish one. I am convinced that condition is a matter of individual judgment and preference, and this conviction was driven home time and time again when I was selling stamps to counter trade.

I recall showing what I considered a very fine copy of a stamp to a particular collector. It did not suit him and he purchased another copy that in my judgment was inferior to the one he had rejected. It was weeks later that I learned his reason. He wanted every letter of the inscription readable on all stamps in his collection. If the cancellation covered any part of the inscription the stamp did not measure up to his requirements, and I found that he willingly sacrificed general appearance to gratify his fancy. It was his idea of condition.

A more common view of condition is the same idea applied to portrait stamps. I found it was not unusual, for collectors to reject portrait stamps if the cancellatoin touched or crossed the features of the subject. Others would seem-

ingly pay but slight attention to cancellation, but would demand even centering to the last degree, while still others choose light cancellations and accepted any old centering as a matter of course.

These are not fanciful illustrations of the divergent views of collectors on condition but are actual personal experiences and could readily be enlarged upon. They are cited not as examples of fads or fancies but in support of the contention that fine condition in my case is what appeals to me, and in your case it is what appeals to you.

Perhaps the most popular series of stamps with collectors is "Kings Heads" and among American (and probably English) collectors there is only one King "Edward the peacemaker" whose death has cast a gloom over the greater part of the earth. A concise list of the portrait issues of King Edward will, we believe, be welcomed by a very large number of philatelists. Unfortunately the world has grown too large for the average collector, sections are not popular and the division by centuries has not met with public approval. Much trash has already encumbered the twentieth century album and the end is a long way off. The stamps of King Edward were popular from the start and we advise all members to lose no time in completing their sets. The issues of George V will undoubtedly be very popular. He is known the world over as an earnest philatelist and it is very probable his educated taste will be made manifest on the postage stamps of his reign. He became king at an auspicious date for philately, it being the seventieth anniversary of the introduction of cheap postage, prepaid by postage stamps. Collectors of "George Heads" will be very numerous. We advise all our readers who intend to take up the line to start with the determination of never letting the subject get away from them. At first the issues will be few and far between. This will be followed by frequent issues of large numbers as old stocks get exhausted. This is the danger point but the collector who keeps abreast of the flood will soon find himself in smooth waters with plenty of cash to take in all the diminishing issues as they come out.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

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J. L. CHARBNEAU, 2320 Walnut Ave., Seattle, Wash., has been appointed Museum Curator of The Washington Seattle Art Association who are to erect a grand Museum of Art and Sciences in the city of Seattle in the near future. Mr. Charbneau has had a great deal of experience in this line as he was manager of Ye Olde Curiosity Shop, Colman Dock, Seattle, for four years and previous to that time from a boy of twelve to twenty one traveled in forty different countries, going around the world twice and has visited museums, gathered curios and coins in all parts of the globe. He has been a very enthusiastic numismatist from boyhood. He is 26 years of age now and claims to be the youngest museum curator in the world and perhaps one of the most experienced. He also sells the Official Alaska Yukon Exposition or Seattle Exposition gold souvenir Coins. Look up his ads the past eighteen months in the WEST and buy.

C. W. HUGHES was born in 1851 at Shreve, Ohio, and has lived there all his life. He has been a collector of relics and curios from early boyhood and has a collection of arms, military belt plates, buttons, pioneer and foreign utensils and curios, coins, medals, political badges, Civil war mementoes, etc., which is quite an attraction to his neighbors. Parts of it have been exhibited at fairs in that section. He is pleased to meet and become acquainted with brother collectors.

H. B. DYNAS is 25 years of age and has been an ardent collector of post cards for the last 10 years being one of the first collectors in the city where he lived. His first exchanges were largely confined to the larger cities, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco, but gradually as the craze spread, his exchanges became more numerous and also extended to the European countries then in the last five years the growth of popularity of the Souvenir Post Card has been wonderful and he now has exchanges reaching over the four points of the compass. The change in the style of cards can also be noted as a very great improvement over the first ones he received. They were as a rule small cuts of various scenes printed in black on one corner of a post card and generally none too distinct, but now we have cards that are beautiful to look upon, veritable works of art. His collection numbers close to 3500 cards and while that is not a great number for the time he has collected, they are a well chosen lot. Cover most all phases of life, customs and scenery from the countries depicted. His advice to a young fellow is to collect post cards, especially through some good exchange, as it gives him an insight to history and geography of the various countries, that he in no other way could acquire and in many lines of business it proves a valuable asset to his education. One also comes into a nice collection of stamps in connection with his post card collection, and also often finds a correspondent who has hobbies the same as he and makes many valuable additions to his collection no matter what it may be. His city while it is practically a new city as compared with many others, they can boast of many historical points of interest and the post card publishers are always ready to publish cards of any view that might interest the collector. He has been a reader of the WEST since 1902 and while not a regular subscriber all the while he says he has never failed to keep in touch with it for he believes a collector, no matter what his hobby, cannot be successful without it.

A. VAZQUEZ began to collect stamps in 1894 and two years after he had about 2000 stamps, many of them very good but had need to abandon his collection and distributed it among his best friends. In 1898 he commenced his new collection but has been inactive for more than eight years because his occupation gives him very little time to devote to his collection. One year ago when he was ac-

tive in philatelic affairs he had more than 3000 stamps, being actually 3700 in which South America and British Colonies were well represented. He has made a specialty of stamps that are representatives of the artistic work, drawing, engraving and colored, and also collects post cards.

GEORGE GRIGGS, Ph D. was born at Mesilla, New Mexico; his father was from New Jersey; brother to James L. Mayor of Sommerville, N. J. and nephew of John W. Governor. Mr. Griggs is director of the State Mining Exposition in Chihuahua, Mexico, where he wrote a book entitled "MINES of CHIHUAHUA (388 pp. 8vo) for which he has been made member of over a dozen different Scientific Societies; yet only 35 years of age. This gives an idea what opportunities are to be found in Old Mexico. Mr. Griggs is a staunch philatelist. In 1899 his articles appeared off and on in the WEST. He wrote the "Revenue Stamps of Mexico" that were written especially for the Philatelic West. Owns many thousands of stamps and his Mexican Revenue collection is considered the finest in Mexico.

HARRY T. WILLCOX has been a stamp collector for about twelve years. He began with a small album and with the stamps given him by friends and gradually accumulated a collection of about 5000 varieties in 1905. At that time he was attending High School and to get rid of some of his duplicates started The Wilcox Stamp Co. at Norwich, Conn., together with two brothers who were ardent philatelists. In 1906 he went into business and no time was given him for stamps so that from then till 1909 he did not collect. Soon after his marriage in 1909 he began a new collection and is now actively engaged in stamp collecting with the help of Mrs. Wilcox, who is also very much interested in stamps. Mr. Willcox collects both U. S. and foreign but specializes in U. S., of which he has a very fair collection of about 400 varieties. His foreign number about 4000 varieties and he is adding to his collection all the time. He says the most satisfactory method of increasing his collection is by exchanging and has had exchange relations with many of the readers of the WEST. He would like a few more names on his list, especially of people in foreign countries, and thinks that he has a line of duplicates to exchange that will please anyone with a collection of two thousand varieties or less. His address is Jewett City, Conn.

JULIAN T. BAKER is a graduate of the Pocahontas, Va., high school, and is at present taking a scientific course under one of the professors of that institution. He was elected president of the Virginia Association of the Coming Men of America, at the last state convention. He is editing the stamp pages of the C. M. A. Emblem, and has been for over 1½ years. Is connected with several amateur press clubs, and philatelic societies.

In Turbulent Hayti. When President Soloman was expelled from office a few years ago, the stamps then in use bore his likeness. A large stock remained on hand. To destroy them would mean considerable loss. Surcharging would entail an added expense. Some one suggested that the stamps be used as they were but that a rule be made requiring all stamps to be placed upside down on mail matter! All contestants were satisfied, and this was done. In the enforcement of the rule, mail with the stamps right side up, was treated as unpaid and postage collected on it as though it bore no stamps at all. What queer ideas Haytians have!

Philippines, 1906, with the exception of the 2c, 4c and 10c, should be worth getting and perhaps keeping.

The Society that Protects and Promotes Southern Philatelic Association

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All officers by virtue of their office, are members of this committee.

To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. IMPORTANT.

Dear Fellow Members: Some few responded to my call for Vice Presidents for each state and country. Anyone, that is a member of this society, can be a Vice Pres., for his state or country. When I appoint each person I will send them a bunch of application blanks and letters to help them in securing new recruits.

I, herewith, call for nominations for officers for 1911. All nominations must be in by August 1, 1910.

The convention will be held in Kansas City, Mo., on October 3, 1910, and I trust that we will have a large attendance. All that expect to go to the convention will let me know by Sept., 1, so I can write the Kansas City Branch and let them know how many visitors to expect.

I appoint the following gentlemen on the committee of arrangements:—M. O. Canfield, Chairman, C. H. Saint and Mr. Bescher.

Let us see more members get down off the retired bench and get a few new members.

I am, yours for the S. P. A

H. S. Powell, President.

CHM'N. RECRUITING COMMITTEES' REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I am pleased to report that another member has come to the front with a dollar. His name is B. Grant Jeffries. This dollar has been given to our President, H. S. Powell to partially pay expenses on some letters he is now mailing out so the balance remains the same as last month. If you can't spare a dollar, give what you can. Step up; don't be bashful.

NON MEMBERS.

The Southern P. A. is now recognized as the fastest growing and best, in every way, society for stamp collectors. See what you get for a few cents, if you should join us: Subscription to WEST, our large and grand year book, the largest high class sales Dept., in existence, conducted by a man who knows his business, one of the finest exchange departments America now affords, besides the purchasing department, information bureau, etc., etc. Send to me for blank today.

Yours Fraternally,

Clarence V. Webb.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

86 books in circulation, as per last month's report, value\$2264.33
14 books received since, value 371.14

100 books, value.....	2635.47
19 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$108.68 or 25 per cent was sold.	435.4
81 books in circulation	\$2200.03

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$111.06
1 per cent from retired books.....	4.35
Total amount	\$115.41

One serious matter I have to bring to the attention of members and that is, when they find any vacant spaces in a book they must adjust the matter with the member from whom they received the Circuit. This is plainly stated in the rules of the Department, printed on each book. Failure to comply with this provision makes the member, to whom this neglect can be charged liable for the amount.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. APPLICATIONS.

1. Arthur Dietel, Perkins, Mich., 21, Section Foreman; Fred Neuorhr, Thos. Black. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
2. C. A. Mastoller, Box 253, Muskogee, Okla., 25, contractor, Guaranty State Bank. Proposed by H. Wendt.
3. James R. White, Kalispell, Mont., 33, postmaster; C.C. Brintnall, John Ponan. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
4. Armando F. Ascorve, Gunboat "Bravo," Vera Cruz, Mexico, 24, Naval officer; Agustin Gui le, Omar Ortis; Proposed by L. Brodstone.
5. F. W. Rothery, 2562 Jones St, Omaha, Neb., 30, office manager; L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.
7. Arthur W. Jones, General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y., 44, Mgr. Commercial Dept. Schenectady Trust Co.; E.M. Kinney. Proposed by H.S. Powell.
8. Chester L. Knight, 29 Church St., Rockland, Mass., 28, teacher; James S. Hayes, Burton O. Estes. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
9. M. W. Lowry 601 Clay Ave., Scranton, Pa., 40, Attorney, August Mack, Any Bank in Scranton. Proposed by August Mack.
10. Wm. S. Dod, 2322 Lydia, Kansas City, Mo , 21, P.O. clerk; M.Q. Canfield, R. L. Moore. Proposed by M. O. Canfield.
11. R. J. Rynning, c-o National Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis., 22, Bank Teller, R. C. Whelpley, Jos. F. Bartt Proposed by H. S. Powell.
12. Herman Boog, 113 Main St., Henderson, Ky , 46, baker; H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
13. K. Leidberg, 1931 Madison Ave, N. Y. City. Proposed by Brody.
14. Arthur Loillux, c-o French Line, 19 State St., New York, N. Y., 35, steamship business, I. C. Curan. Proposed by Nocolas Manoliadis.
15. Rev. J. M. Braun, Union Bridge, Md. Ref. T. Stuart
16. J. E. Mulligaan, Omaha, Neb., 46, Engineer, H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
17. Charles H. Gardner, U. S. Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C., 40, physician; L. G. Smith. Thomas L. Vine. Proposed by Wm. E. Ault.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed prior to that time.

RESIGNATIONS.

365. J. L. Charbneau, Seattle, Wash.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- Geo. T. Heath from 1127 Haskell Ave., to 1135 Troup Ave., Kansas City, Kan.

REINSTATED.

- 323. Henry A. Fowler, Chicago, Ill.
- 430. H. R. Palmer, 812 E. Stage Ave., Spokane, Wash.
- 461. John H. Heffer, Kansas City, Mo.
- 215. Chas. S. Hibbard, Utica, N. Y.
- 443. Geo. T. Heath, Kansas City, Kans.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total Membership April 25th	362
Admitted May 25th	12
Total membership May 25th	374

DEAR MEMBERS:—Ere this time each paid up member should have in his hands a copy of the Annual Year Book for 1910. I hope all will look this over carefully and if any errors in address are found, report the same to me.

I also wish to impress upon the members the necessity of reading the page which refers to the ruling of the P. O. Dept. which makes it necessary for each member to send his or her subscription to the Official Organ direct to the publisher. This point I want all members to observe.

CONVENTION CALL. No doubt our President has issued his call for the 1910 convention in this issue and I hope all members will respond with a nice list of nominations for all the offices. Send them at once, so as ballots and proxies can be mailed at an early date.

Did you notice that big gap to be made in our membership list, 80 delinquent members to be dropped. Let's try and get back the 80 still in arrears. If you lend your assistance it can be done soon.

A supply of new blanks will soon be out to remedy the P. O. rulings, when applying for membership. How many can you use? Hoping to hear from all,

I am, Fraternally,

R. L. Doak, Secy.

Mr. H. A. Diamant, member of the St. Louis Stamp Society has been showing his friends there his pick-up from an S. P. A. book belonging to a prominent revenue collector. This book has passed through four previous circuits before it came to the St. Louis circuit and Mr. Diamant's name was next to last on the list. It was a strip of 3, I. R. on 1c which the eagle eye of the collectors escaped. Owing to a part of broken letter imbedded on the lower part of the R. the impression became a perfect B. so that the surcharge is not a smudge but a distinct impression and was probably made on a dozen or more sheets before the broken letter was discovered. The Plate Number is 549.

Mr. Diamant has made many finds which he has showed to the collectors, through being careful in examining all stamps submitted to him and continually advises collectors that the pleasure in collecting is derived from the study of stamps.

"Postal Union Colors." At the 1897 session of the Postal Union Congress held that year in Washington, D. C., resolutions were adopted by the representatives from the different nations requiring all stamps of the denominations equivalent to 1, 2 and 5 cents to be printed in green, red and blue, respectively. The colors of our 1 and 5 cent stamps (1898 issue) were printed to conform with this ruling. Brazil, Canada, Hawaii, Queensland, Victoria and other countries were also obliged to change some of the colors of their stamps.

Collecting--By Rev. A. Z. Myers

(Written exclusively for the WEST.)

Collecting has grown upon me dangerously of late. I began it as a boy. Stamps, woods, minerals, money and clippings. Never got very much except scrap books and clippings. Most of the others took too much money for me.

Boys and Girls—listen—let me whisper a secret into your ears. Begin today to make a scrap book. Get a big one if you can, if you cannot get a smaller one. If you can't get a book today get a pasteboard box and put in your clippings until you can get a book.

An old book that is no longer cared for—old government reports—and many such books will do. I like best white paper blank books—ruled or not ruled. In later years this is what I am using. I buy one for about 25c cloth bound or better and they will stand considerable expanding. Many of my clippings are classified. You begin without classifying until you get specially interested in some line and then keep those separate. Then I can write in when I want to.

Use library paste. Paste only the edges. Later you will find that it will not be difficult to remove the clipping if you want to. Don't, don't use mucilage. Mucilage is a back number. It is objectionable for many reasons. Library paste is or ought to be sold by every stationer.

Trim neatly. Be very careful to make the trimming neatly—not too close will look better.

Begin now too with postage stamps. I began—oh, I don't know when, neglected my collection for years. But I held on and since I have gotten the fever my collection is growing rapidly. I may tell you more about it.

Why collect! For its interest at the time you are doing it. It is interesting and makes life wear a new interest.

Collect for the value of what you thus preserve. Years afterward you will find that you have made a find in many things. Things you will have collected will be of great value to you that would otherwise have past out of your life and to rubbish.

Collecting is a hobby that makes friends. You learn of other collectors and they become your friends—often real friends—and you learn to know their better side. Friends are a great asset—that is, good friends. You will not run much risk among the collectors. If I had space I'd tell you why. I have found several interesting addresses and correspondents through the WEST.

The educational value through many years of observing things, thinking, collecting, noting, is of more value than many school days. Some of your collections will seem trifling to you in after years but they will have served a good purpose.

Shall be glad to have you write me. If you enclose stamp will write a personal letter and will be glad to answer questions. Photo post cards—mining scenes and nature studies give me the most pleasure now.

Barbadoes. How many collectors can explain the meaning of the fairy tale picture on Barbadoes stamps? Well, it is the emblem on the colony's seal, which was authorized April 16, 1863, during the reign of Charles II. The original seal represented the king in royal robes with a trident (scepter of Neptune) in his hand, standing in a sea-shell drawn by two sea-horses. When Victoria came to the throne, the figure of the king was changed for that of the queen.

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

President	W. Bain
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Treasurer	V. E. Sisson
Secretary	F. Millhouse
Sales Supt. and Librarian	S. M. Schoeman
Auction Manager	H. A. Diamant
Entertainment Committee	Bain, Chairman
Recruiting Committee	Diamant, Chairman

The 135th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on April 20, 1910, at 8 p. m. in the Club Room of the Cabanne Library.

Those present were: Messrs. Anschuetz, Bain, Chase, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Millhouse, Myers, Ruedi and Schoeman. The resignation of Mr. E. A. Lipker was received and accepted by the society.

The C. E. Hussman Co. forwarded a letter from Mr. Rolstad of Christiana, Norway, inquiring as to the prospect of members forming an exchange club. The members decided to let the letter lay upon the table so that any member who wished to do so could read the same and take the address of Mr. Rolstad.

After a great deal of discussion the entertainment committee was empowered on a motion made by Mr. Myers and seconded by Mr. Chase to enquire from the Chicago Philatelic Society as to the conditions and full particulars as to the loaning of the C. P. S.'s illustrated lecture on stamps.

Messrs. Chase and Mann had their collections of Cuba on exhibition but neither were entered for the contest, so it was decided to postpone the contest for Cuba until May 10th. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

F. Millhouse, Secy.

The 136th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors society was held on May 10th, at 8 p. m., in the usual meeting room in the Cabanne Library.

The members present were: Messrs. Anschuetz, Bain, Chase, Collins, Heath, Lewis, Marston, Millhouse, Morgan, Ruedi, Schellhorn, Schumann.

The Society was honored with the presence of three visitors: Messrs. Eiler, Lacing and Liey.

The minutes of the 135th meeting were read and approved.

Communications from Messrs F. Fuessel, and F. Prescott were received and read.

The applications of Messrs Eiler's and Lanning were received and held for the consideration of the Board of Governors.

Through the courtesy of the respective publishers, copies of the Philadelphia Stamp News, Billikins Magazine and the Stamp Journal were added to the Society's library.

The Entertainment Committee reported progress in the matter of securing the shade slides etc., from the Chicago Philatelic Society for their illustrated lecture on stamps.

To close the evening, a goodly lot of stamps were disposed of by auction, and at 9:45 p. m., the meeting adjourned to meet again on May 24th, in the Cabanne Library.

F. Millhouse, Sec.

Milwaukee has several fine collections made on modern improved lines, embracing pairs and blocks and even whole sheets of rare stamps. This sounds like a contradiction, for, how can stamps that exist in whole sheets be rare? Where, by rare in this connection we mean 'hard to get,' 'seldom seen' or not to be found in many dealers' stocks'', stamps that most collectors would like to get if they could.



Between
the trees,
Here
I stand

Dear Sir We
are having
the tunnel of
our lives;
and you
were with
us

Jack
10 '06

ACROSS THE POND

H. STANLEY



Some Impressions of the Congress

The Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain began on April 27th at a public meeting in the Caxton Hall, at which the Earl of Crawford, was able to make the gratifying announcement that, in declaring it open, he was acting not merely for himself but as directly representing H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. After an address by Major Evans—truly described as the doyen of British philately—Mr. Dunbar Heath, of Perkins, Bacon & Co., proceeded to describe his firm's process of manufacturing line-engraved stamps, and those present had the satisfaction not only of seeing and handling the original die, roller and plate, but also of carrying away with them a delightful souvenir in the shape of a sheet of stamps commemorative of the Congress, and showing the beautiful medallion of Queen Victoria used for the Ceylon fiscals of 1856 (Moens, Type 12170-1). In this connection I should say also that the invitation and menu cards of the banquet bore reproductions from other Perkins-Bacon dies, namely, those of the Van Diemen's Land issue of 1855 and the 1 penny Newfoundland. The poor acoustic properties of the hall were no doubt responsible for some difficulty in hearing Mr. Heath's paper, and if a word of criticism may be added, it would perhaps have been better if the printing-press could have been installed among the audience rather than on the high platform. Mr. Heath's technical exposition was enlivened by his dry humor, and no heartier laugh was raised than when at the closing meeting, after reading the Prince's letter of thanks for a sheet of the Congress stamps printed in gold, he added regretfully that the only "fly in the ointment" was that the letter was written on paper watermarked "Waterlow & Sons."

Mr. Hayman's reception of the delegates that evening being a private function, I am hardly at liberty to say more than that it came as no surprise to those who know the veritable genius of hospitality and generous entertainment possessed by the Vice President of the Herts Philatelic Society.

The morning of April 28th was occupied by a visit of the delegates to Lord Crawford's London house, where his collection of Great Britain, United States, and some other countries were laid open in two rooms for the unfettered enjoyment of his visitors. The small portions shown at the last Exhibitions gave but an imperfect idea of the rich accumulation contained in these innumerable volumes. Specialized to the highest degree in one sense, they are yet very far removed from the wearisome mass of trivialities too often associated with that word, and there could have been few of the collectors present who did not feel, as they passed out through the corridor lined with the greatest philatelic library in the world, that

their philatelic horizon had been enlarged.

The first meeting of the delegates was held in the afternoon, and Mr. Dörning Beckton's well considered plea for the advisability of securing greater accuracy in the use of philatelic terms was referred to a committee, and here it was pleasant to find emerging from a cloud of somewhat profitless talk, a suggestion from Mr. Bellamy of the Oxford Philatelic Society, that counsel in this matter should be sought from Sir James Murray, himself a philatelist. Mr. Melville was successful in inducing the Congress to condemn the sending of approval sheets to boys without the sanction of their masters. His opinions were expressed and supported with an earnestness which evidently appealed to those present and with which it is difficult not to sympathize, but nevertheless I venture to think that the action of the Congress in this matter redounded more to the credit of its heart than of its head. Mr. Hadlow then read an avowedly inconclusive paper on the question of the duration of guarantees of authenticity, and Mr. Tilleard closed the discussion on it with a speech ending with the quiet tactful assumption that the matter was one which called for no resolution. I at least hailed, with relief the knowledge that the Congress recognised, and would let itself be guided by, the voice of a discreet adviser.

The banquet was brilliantly successful, and with the following entertainment lasted till midnight. Even the discomfort of the inevitable flashlight photography and the strident bellows of that time-worn British institution, the toast-master, passed almost unperceived. The culminating point was the arrival of a sedan chair borne by postmen and inscribed with a witty proclamation purporting to represent "Mr. Henniker Heaton's Dream" as a postal reformer. The chair turned out to be a gigantic boîte à surprises laden with gifts for the ladies present—a thought which met with applause. Continental philately was represented by Messrs. Coyette, of Paris, and Passer of Vienna.

On the 29th the delegates visited the Tapling Collection and the second conference took place in the afternoon. Major Evans' motion that a committee be formed to endeavor to prevent the sale of forged stamps could scarcely be rejected. One of the delegates pointed out that the question could not well be divorced from the larger subject of forgeries of kindred articles of virtue. Mr. Hinton's paper on the means to be adopted to prevent substituting in exchange packets was followed by expressions of opinion that the subject did not concern the Congress itself, being a matter for individual societies concerned, and unless it was proved to be a pressing evil, it was undesirable to ventilate it in public. Mr. Ward's scheme for founding a universal philatelic union was received unkindly.

The closing meeting in the evening was sparsely attended by the public. Mr. Castle's paper on "The possibility of forming a Universal Philatelic Union of Philatelic Societies to discourage unnecessary or speculative issues" was conceived in a judiciously guarded vein, but it ended with a definite outline of the constitution of such a union, which I must in justice say bore at first hearing a striking likeness to Mr. Ward's. The personal authority of the speaker, and the riper modesty with which his suggestions were submitted, secured the deference, if not the assent, of his hearers. His apparent want of appreciation of "pretty sets" of pictorial stamps was hardly shared by the collectors present, who did not hesitate to applaud Mr. Hayman's vigorous defense of such issues.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, who has gained not merely the esteem, but if I may say so, the affection, of philatelists, made the closing speech, and the Chairman declared the Congress of 1910 at an end.—Smith & Sons Circular.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

It is now nearly four years that I have furnished articles on my hobby, "The Foreign Revenue Stamp" and to do a little advertising on the side. I remember well the time that I was the only one you could find in the WEST talking about foreign revenue stamps, but it is different now. You see the ads of different firms doing business in this fascinating hobby. There are several big firms in France and England devoted to revenue stamps. Of course the U. S. has been for a good many years a nice field for the collector of its document and proprietary stamps, Match and Medicine, and its various tax paid and not to forget the different state issues. A fact is that U.S. occupies 44 pages in the general revenue catalog, being second or third to Argentine, which leaves all countries in the shade. Argentine and its provinces occupy 105 pages.

Now let me tell about my results in this particular field, altho I do this time blow my own horn. When I started to exchange my postage for foreign revenues, my aim was to get a fair collection together. My idea was to pick up whatever came my way and I can truly say that I derive even today just as much of pleasure by getting a stamp cat. 1 or 100 cents, so long as it is wanting in my collection. I had several chances to sell parts, but I refuse and would part only with my collection entire.

Now let us go into a little detail of my collection and here and there are things which may be considered side lines to revenues. Following the French catalog as a guide the first country of importance would be Allemagne, that is Germany. Here I have the German Empire nearly complete. A fair sprinkling of Alsace Bavaria, Saxony, Bremen and Prussia. The balance of Germany needs considerable improving. Germany uses also a considerable lot of stamped papers and different telegraph stamps.

To describe Argentine in detail would be a big job. I have about 1000 different ones.

Under Cordova I have been lucky enough to pick up a few values of which only 500 were issued. I have also a few Buenos essays, and revenues used for telegraph purposes.

Of Austria 400 revenues I need only 15 more to complete the same. Many stamped papers are used, principally on receipts and bills. By close inspection you can distinguish between these, those which were regularly printed and those which are put on by hand press when needed. Each stamp bears a different number. The values are 1 or 5 kreuzer, or as now 2 or 10 heller. Some of the old time receipt of 1813 and before the use of adhesives are interesting, especially when entire, so the date of issue can be proven, and have quite a collection of same. Telegraph, I have 3 set with different perforations and one also surcharged specimen. Why they should use this English word I really do not know. Then there are also some telegraph receipt blanks which bear also an imprinted revenue. But that miserable gum they use in Austria on their stamps certainly tries the patience when you have to scrape it off in order to save the stamp and to keep it from curling up.

With Hungary I have not done so well, about 250 have to do me at present.

Croatien, Lichtenstein and Lombardy are only slightly represented. By the way for information the stamps of Croatia are Hungarian stamps of 1868-72 surcharged with an outlined eagle in brown color. Some of the values are scarce.

Brazil and provinces are about represented 200 copies. I have several 50,000 reis stamps. Sounds big? In the catalog it occupies 24 pages, so my representa-

tion needs considerable improvement. People down there talk Portugese, and it is pretty hard to get in touch with them. Those Brazil with the head of Dom Pedro, in orange, come with a dot or without in the numerals. The issue of 1895, (Southen Cross) come in wide or narrow perforation and makes difference in price. Between 1899-1903 they used several issues printed on bandruche paper like Austria, and are soluble in water. At least it spoils their appearance. My advice of Brazil in general, is do not expect too nice copies, because workmanship is nothing extra.

Canada is my banner country. Not so much the regular issue, but the old tobacco stamps of 1860. About a dozen and I doubt if there are many in absolutely fine condition. Several years ago I had quite an extensive description of the same in the West. The Justice, Gas, Electric and large diff. stamps of the provinces are beauties. The Quebec Assurance are redeemable today, but foolish to do so, because they are catalogued a good deal higher. Of late years a considerable amount of tobacco band have been thrown on the market. They must be remainders and they look quite fresh. There is no end to varieties. I have been able to put a few essays and proofs.

In Cape of Good Hope my luck was with me, because I picked up before the time of catalog a few of the rarest. The late issues must be carefully handled. Do not like water. If you readers of the WEST, do not stop me, I shall continue with my harangue in the next issue of the WEST.

STAMPS ENGRAVED BY A BAKER'S BOY.

We give here the interesting history of the origin of Corrientes stamps.

Corrientes is a province or state of the Argentine Republic. At the period to which this story relates, the financial system of the Republic was in a very confused condition, so much so that Corrientes issued its own paper money. The dollar was the lowest denomination in circulation and many different arrangements were devised for facilitating the exchange of small sums.

Postage stamps at that early date were a novelty. The director of the government printing establishment suggested to the Governor that postage stamps might relieve the difficulty arising from the lack of small money.

The governor welcomed the idea and commissioned the director, Mr. Coni, to execute the plan. But after a diligent search, no engraver could be found who was conversant with stamp engraving.

One day, Mr. Coni was relating his discouragement to a friend when the baker's boy arrived with the daily supply of bread. The boy overheard the conversation and at once offered his services, recommending himself by stating that he had been apprenticed to an engraver in Italy, before emigrating to South America.

Mr. Coni was elated. He gave the boy a copper plate and a French stamp (Liberty head type) for a model, and directed him to copy the design.

The boy returned in a few days with the plate, on which he had engraved eight stamps. The boy did the best he could. However, Mr. Coni was disappointed by the rude engravings. He had expected a more artistic production. But the design was shown to the Governor, who promptly accepted it and gave orders that the stamps be printed and issued.

The name of the baker's boy of Corrientes has been forgotten, but to him should probably be given the distinction of being the first, and possibly only, boy stamp engraver.

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New Issues Column

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THE OLDEST ESTABLISHED STAMP DEALER IN THE WORLD.

GREAT BRITAIN. Since making my last offer to my readers to supply the 4d Great Britain to anyone who cared to send over 8 cents which is face value and two cents extra for cost of postage, we have received another surprise over on this side, that is an entirely new value which has just appeared for this country, namely a stamp of 7d which equals in U. S. A. money 14 cents. This stamp is very well printed by Messrs De la Rue and is in a dark shade of grey on white paper. Again the same policy is pursued of not showing the name of the country upon it, so I have had the pleasure of showing it to a number of collectors here and they have wondered considerably where on earth the stamp comes from as the value of 7d is such a surprise to us. The value is shown in the two upper corners on either side of the Imperial Crown and King Edward's Head under this with the words "Postage and Revenue." Owing to the terrible event of the death of our beloved King, these stamps will necessarily be withdrawn within a short period and will then be well worth having. To any of my readers again who would like to have a specimen of this stamp and will send me over 14 cents which is face value and 2 cents for postage I shall be pleased to send over one to add to their collection.

SICILY. Another novelty of the month is a pair of stamps which are issued by the Italian Government for Sicily. It seems strange that after a lapse of so many years and seeing that in our collections "Two Sicilies" has become an historical memory, that it should now be my duty to chronicle a new issue. There are only two values in the set, 5 and 15 centesimi and the designs are identical for the two stamps. At the top of the stamp are the words 'Francobollo Postale Italiano' and at the bottom the dates 1860-1910, showing that this is the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Sicily. In the center of the stamp is a very handsome portrait, beautifully engraved of Garibaldi and beneath it are the arms of Sicily. These two stamps, although representing face value 5 and 15 centesimi respectively, are both sold at an additional cost of 5 centesimi, which extra amount goes to swell the funds of some celebration festivities which are to be held.

5 centesimi, green

15 centesimi, red.

SPANISH MOROCCO. 1910. The 2 centimos of the new issues of Spain has just been received surcharged 'Correo Espanol Marruecos', in red.

2 centimos. brown.

SPANISH GUINEA 1910. A set of three stamps inscribed "Territorios Espanoles del Golfo de Guinea" is just issued, bearing a portrait of King Alphonso on either side of which are palm trees. The following is a list of the values:—

1 centimo brown.

2 centimos rose.

5 centimos, green.

No B. N. A. Reprints. Young collectors are sometimes suspicious of the bright colored, unused stamps of the two British North American provinces, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Most of these unused stamps, which are more common than those in used condition, are remainders—stamps remaining on hand when their use was discontinued. When the various provinces joined the Canadian confederation, individual stamps were no longer used. In the case of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Is and, the stamps remaining on hand were sold to stamp dealers.

FASCINATION

From the boy in the schoolroom desk, who has just purchased his Lincoln album and his packet containing "100 varieties, all different," to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, with his elaborate series of magnificent albums and his innumerable rarities, every stamp collector feels the fascination exerted by philately. This infatuation is not an ephemeral thing. No. None who has felt it would dare to say that it passes, for his remark would instantly be contradicted by a score of enthusiastic collectors. He would be in a minority, in a hopeless minority of one. I am not speaking on a matter of which I am ignorant. On the contrary, I have been, I might say under the spell exercised by the harmless looking postage stamp, from my cradle. Let him who is not yet bewitched and who does not desire to be so, take care. For it need be but a trivial thing which might transform one who scoffs at Philatelia as a foolish and vapid waste of time to a diligent votary of the hobby of hobbies. A cursory glance at a stamp which he has been told is worth a large amount of money, a hasty perusal of a friend's album, the reading of a page of *The WEST*, have all been known to act as witches' potions. Like the flash of lightning, the fascination is felt in an instant but unlike the flash, it remains.

It is useless for one who has felt for a moment the fascination of philately to endeavor to throw it aside, for instead of the desire to possess a collection subsiding, it becomes an obsession. The bewitched one dreams of stamps by night, and thinks of them by day, until at last he enters a stamp dealer's shop, in a half guilty way, with a glance at either side to see that his action is not being observed by any one who knows him, and he purchases his first packet of stamps. From that moment he is beyond recall. He has joined the ranks of stamp collectors.

My personal experience teaches me that while the fascination never diminishes, it is evanescent, changeable. Before one may call himself a true philatelist in every sense of the word, he must pass through several stages. The young collector begins by making a general collection. He collects English stamps, Japanese, Greek, Fijian, Ionian, American, Turkish, and all. He is fascinated, one might say, in a large way. My adjective "large" will be seen to be justifiable, when I say that it has been computed by one who evidently had a great deal of patience that the number of stamps issued throughout the world approaches the grand total of 192,000. The lad continues forming his general collection, falling short of making it complete by about 191,000, when he discovers that the stamps of certain American States are very desirable, and consequently, he begins to collect these primarily. He deletes the words, Great Britain, from the top of one of the pages of his album, and he places Nicaragua there instead; for Spain, he writes Honduras; for Canada, Ecuador. He is fascinated anew, and this time it were better, had he never been fascinated, for he is now in danger of collecting beautiful but useless pieces of gummed paper. He is warned by a stamp collecting friend in a more advanced stage than is he, and he resumes the right road, by disposing of the "gum-paps." The fascination increases daily. At one time he goes in for one country in particular; at another time, for another country.

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647. What Stamp Album with the loose leaf system has the pages illustrated and numbered according to Scott or Gibbons and is provided with stubs to prevent bulging and tissue paper to prevent rubbing, and if so what is the price and where can it be obtained? I do not think that any album with ALL these features exists, but I presume that it could be supplied either by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., or by Stanley Gibbons. The price would be something like \$25.00 to \$100.00 according to arrangement and binding. I would prefer one of the blank albums. Lincoln of London has fine albums.

648. What U.S. 3 cents red is worth \$100.00? None that I know of. If we include the pinks, lakes and scarlets as well as the various grills, we find prices quoted from \$20.00 to \$80.00 for unused perfect copies. Some, as the 3c scarlet, are not priced used. These might under certain conditions—being found genuinely used on the letter and in prime condition—be worth \$100.00 each, but such is only a supposition, as they are not known to exist in this condition. Used, many of the 3c red are not worth one cent each, tho' some are worth a dollar or more. It all depends on the variety and condition.

649. What is the best way to sell a stamp collection? This query turns up again and again, and it is impossible to answer it satisfactorily once for all cases. It is difficult to give the answer for any one particular case. Too much depends on uncertainties. In a general way we can only give a few suggestions. It is better, for instance, for one collector to sell to another collector than to sell to a dealer, because thus the two collectors may divide the profit, that otherwise would have to go to the dealer, between themselves. Advertising a collection for sale is good, but the advertiser must know how to advertise; he must give a good and true idea of what he wants to sell, and his price must be correct; otherwise he cannot reckon on success. Selling by the help of an auction manager is also good, if the collection contains any real rarities and the seller has neither time nor ability to manage the sale himself. It is much like selling eggs. First of all you must have the eggs, and they must be of the right kind that is wanted, then you must be a practical salesman or you must find one for you, and lastly you must find a market. Selling to dealers at a low price is generally the quickest way to effect a sale. But why sell at all? Keep your stamps as long as you can. Otherwise you may wish them back, after they are gone.

602. Stamp Hinges. Mr. W. S. Lincoln has sent us a sample box of his stamp hinges. They are fine and very neatly packed. Price 16 cents post free. Better try a box! 2 Holles Str. Oxford, Street, London W., England. See his page ad.

650. Are there any stamp papers published in South America? Yes, there are several. Dr. Rommel lists the following: Revista de la Sociedad Fil. Argent.—Cas. Cor. 1103. Buenos Aires, Rep. Arg. Uruguay Postal, Julio Ariz., Salto, Uruguay. Noticias Filatelicas, Cas. A., Santiago de Chile. Chile. British Guyana Phil. Journal,—A. D. Ferguson, Georgetown, Br. Guyana. There used to be one coming from Bogota, Colombia, but I have not seen it nor heard from it

for some time.

651. Are any stamp catalogs published in South America? I know of none.

652. Are there any Stamp Papers published in the West Indies? Not to my knowledge. There used to be several, but I have not heard of them for a long time, and think they have discontinued to appear. If any of our readers know otherwise, I would thank them very much for letting me know. Publishers might also take notice.

653. What kind of Shell is that, watermarked in the stamps of China? It is no shell at all. It is Ying-Yang, two fish copulating, the emblem of fruitfulness. The stamps of Corea, if I am not greatly mistaken, have the same emblem for the central Design, issues of 1895 to 1900, but somewhat modified.

654. How is the exchange of stamps effected between collectors? This may be done in various ways. A sends 50 or 100 loose stamps to B and B sends a like number in return to A, taking care to send about the same quality and worth. Another way is to mount single stamps on sheets or in books and to mark the price of each stamp below it. A sends his to B, and B selects the stamps that he wants to keep, sending the rest back to A with a book or sheets of B's from which A selects what he wants to keep. If there is any surplus or deficit on either side, that is adjusted by subsequent exchanges, or by settlement in cash, so that the amounts taken by A and by B will balance. A third way is to send want lists. A sends a list of what he wants to B, and B sends a list of what he wants to A, each stating also what he may have to offer. After each knows what the other wants and offers, it is easy to agree on a satisfactory exchange. Care should be taken not to misrepresent, nor to deceive in any manner. Never should a mounted stamp be removed and replaced by another without the owner's consent. Fairness and strict honesty should prevail on both sides, which will insure lasting satisfaction and prolonged relations. When three or more collectors enter into an exchange combination they may save postage by letting their exchange books make the circuit of all before returning them to the owner. Thus an exchange club may be organized, in which case, however, it is desirable that one member should act as exchange superintendent or exchange manager, keeping accounts and helping the others along.

655. What stamps would you advise me to buy on speculation? None at all! Decidedly, none at all! As long as you have to ask anybody else for what stamps you should buy, you are pretty sure to fail in any attempt at speculation. If on the other hand you know by study and experience what stamps are apt to rise in value, you will not ask anybody else, but you will also know that speculation is always risky.

656. Who can give the addresses of any that wish to buy or exchange U. S. Cash Permits? Mr. O. L. Halvorson of Gunder, Iowa, would like to know. If they will send their names to this department, they will be published, and all parties interested in this kind of postal marks may come into nearer relations, perhaps to the formation of a Permit Society.

657. What is the value of a "Bishop City Post" Local Stamp? There are two of these stamps listed by Scott, one without any value expressed, the other with a large "2" in the center. Neither is priced, and the market value can only be guessed. Much, of course, depends on the condition of any particular specimen and the chance one has to find a buyer. I should estimate a fine copy at about \$50.00, a very fine one on the original envelope and letter at \$75. to \$100.

658. Who can give the address of the Secretary of the British Post Mar^z Society?

A Few Pointers on Building up a Stamp Business--By Cynic

Most every collector has had at some time or other, an overwhelming desire to launch forth into the dignity of a dealer. The ambition is laudable in itself, but how many have had the necessary indomitable perservance to stick to it when the full realization of just how much hard work is connected with such a business begins to dawn upon them? There are so many petty details to be looked after, so many chances to be taken, which, if one does not choose rightly means a loss, that the erstwhile budding philatelic merchant soon begins to feel discouraged and ere long gives up in disgust with the oft-repeated assertion that there's "nothing in it."

That is just the place where the would be dealer makes his first grave mistake. There is "something in it," but only for the one who possesses the necessary amount of stick-to-it-iveness and good judgment to profit by the mistakes of both himself and others and who possesses at least an intelligent amount of knowledge regarding human nature. Too often the novice in the stamp business fails to appreciate the fact that everyone does not follow rigidly the teachings of the old adage regarding "Honesty being the best policy."

This failure to realize his fact has been the rock on which many a fine stamp business has been wrecked. Not alone in the stamp business, but in all commercial lines, it is a well proven fact that you can't trust "All the people all the time," and it takes but a very few breaches of trust to bring about a financial crisis that few are able to successfully withstand.

One of the first pieces of advice which I should give to anyone about to begin business as a stamp dealer is this:

Don't do an approval business. I know this seems a poor policy considering the fact that there are hundreds, yes, thousands, of dealers all over the country today who are conducting business along the approval line and who seem to be making money at it, too. I am willing to admit there is money to be made in the approval business, but I am just as positive that there is too many chances of loss to be met with that the dealer just entering the business can ill afford to sustain. My idea regarding the proper upbuilding of a stamp business is this:

First, be sure you have an infinite amount of patience and a capacity for detail work of the most exacting character. Be sure you have the necessary perseverence to carry you through the many petty annoyances and disappointments that are sure to arise and do not be easily discouraged.

Second: Try to build up a business along some certain line. Make a specialty of dealing in the stamps of but a few countries, and carry as complete a stock of these countries as your finances will allow.

Third: Try and build up your sales through advertising in some good stamp journal of reliable standing among collectors, and as such as *The WEST*.

If I were to begin dealing in stamps again, I should each month, have a number of sets or a large number of single stamps which I should offer at as low prices as would afford me a reasonable profit and I would make my offers direct to the buyers through the columns of the stamp journals. I would sell them on a guarantee of "your money back if not satisfied," and would be explicit regarding the exact condition and character of the goods offered so that there would be no chance of a charge of misrepresentation.

I would, if I could not afford to expend sufficient for advertising space to list

all of the stamps which I had for sale, have a neat price list printed containing an inventory of all stock that I had to dispose of, and inclose one in every letter sent out, as well as to all who sent in a request for same.

By this method you stand but very small chance of conducting your business at a loss. You don't have to do an excessive amount of bookkeeping to find out just where you stand and, if you truly give "value received" you educate your customers to the true mail order principle of doing business, the principle which has enabled the big Chicago mail order houses to become today the greatest dividend payers in the world.

Of course, there are many points to consider regarding the up-building of this kind of a business. You must expect to expend quite a sum for printer's ink before returns that seem commensurate begin to arrive but remember that no really good business was ever of mushroom grow and that the most lasting is that which develops with time and hard work.

Two of the main things I want to impress upon you, though, are these. Patronize only the high grade stamp journals if you wish your advertising expenditures to net you the returns you have a right to expect for the money you invest in publicity. A cheap advertising rate is often the most expensive in the long run and remember if 25c an inch is all that is asked it is often a great deal more than it is worth to you. As a rule, the publisher who sets a good, livable price on his advertising space knows that it is worth all that is asked for it, and sometimes a great deal more. A glance at his columns should enable you to judge if it would pay you to also place your ad there. If he has lots of advertisers the chances are 100 to 1 that they have tried out his publication and have found that it will bring full returns for the amount expended.

Another thing, and this is as important as the other. If you do have any printed price lists, letter-heads, envelopes, circulars, etc., for goodness sake see that they are well printed and of good quality. Don't be cheap! Your customers are impressed either favorably or unfavorably by the character of your printed matter and it is hard to retain as a permanent customer one who has adjudged you as a "one-horse" concern from the appearance of your printed matter.

Remember that your catalog and your stationery are your salesmen and you wish them to make as good an appearance as possible and reflect credit both upon yourself and your business. First impressions are usually lasting ones and you can't afford to take chances of being able to eradicate impressions after a lapse of time.

If you have a desire to engage in the stamp business, then be sure to remember these few things and you will be doing all in your power to ensure a successful career.

Do no approval business, or at least as little as you possibly can.

Let the collector know the true character and condition of your goods and let him 'send first.' Use only the good, proven, reliable journals if you wish to reach the most people at the smallest outlay.

Have classy printed matter and stationery and don't be afraid to spend your money for printer's ink. The WEST is the oldest Philatelic monthly in the U. S.

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From the Stamo Collectors' Fortnightly we take the following about the first issue (1907) British Soloman Islands stamps. They were lithographed in Sydney, Australia. The $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d were printed in 60,000 and the 3, and 6d and 1s in 30,000 copies each. The average daily use amounted to about 1000 stamps, so that the whole lot would have lasted about 330 days. When the engraved issue took the pleac of the lithographed issue, the remainders of the latter were burnt. Of these there cannot have been very many, because considerable numbers of unused stamps had been bought up by dealers, and it is more than likely that of some values there were no remainders at all. Genuinely used some of the values are quite scarce. For the specialist there is a number of minor varietier. Those desiring to learn more about these varieties will find an elaborate list in the Fort-nightly.

In the report of the meeting of the Germania-Ring at Gotha August 7-9th, 1909, 36 societies with 1364 and 17 individual members with 85 votes were represented, or 1449 votes in all. The total of all members of the Ring is 76 societies with 2344 members and 365 individual members, or 2709 in all. One of the most important steps taken by the Ring was the adoption of a definition of the word 'Neudruck' (Reprint in English). We may translate it thus: "Reprints are impressions of postage stamps obtained by using the original plates at a time when the pri tiring of like postage stamps for postal use had already been denfitely discontinued." This includes under the term 'reprints' all impressions made for other than postal purposes even at a time when the original stamps are yet current. If we apply this definition to the Seebeck stamps, for instance, we get the following. Suppose there were two printings of any particular stamp, one made in September or October and intended for actual postal use in the following year, the other in July or August of that year and intended (not for postal use) for replenishing the stock of remainders of that stamp for sale to collectors; then the impressions from this second printing would, according to the Ring's definition, be clased as reprints, even though the impressions from the first printing were yet current for 5 to 6 months. If the second printing were required to replenish the stock of the post offices, then, of course, it would be different. Whether this definition will be universally accepted remains to be seen. We are inclined to favor it.

MELVILLE STAMP BOOKS. NUMBER SIX. HOLLAND.—Is a worthy successor to the splendid five numbers that went before. What REDFIELD'S WEEKLY says about No. 5, "The Stamps of Nevis" might be repeated almost word for word in regard to No. 6. It says: "We have so exhausted our vocabulary of praise and commendation on previous issues of the Melville Stamp Books that we are inclined to give up in despair any attempt to do further justice to the series, represented this month by an admirable handbook on the stamps of Nevis. There is but one Melville, and the Melville Stamp Books are unique and unapproachable. The Nevis handbook, like its predecessors, is a skilful and readable condensation

of all that is known to Philately on the subject of which it treats. If Mr. Melville lives long enough (and he is still, we believe on the sunny side of thirty, so that there is every reason to believe that he has many years of activity ahead of him) we may reasonably expect in time a whole reference library from his pen, which will supersede for the casual student, at least, all else that has been written—a gloomy outlook for other authors but one over which collectors who love authoritative stamp literature in tabloid form are not likely to repine." A higher praise, without prevarication, is just about impossible. The series is though, indeed, worthy of the praise, as every one of the six books so far issued is a delight to the philatelic eye.

GUSTAV SCHMIDT'S TAUSCHVERKEHRBUCH fuer POSTWERTZECHEN-SAMMLER—is an account-blank-book to be used by collectors in exchanging single stamps. There are 12 columns to each page with the following headings: Date, kind of stamp, country, face-value, color, issue, catalog-number, used or unused, remarks, catalog-price, retained, returned. There are 39 lines to each page, which means room for the record of 39 stamps. The book contains over 100 pages 8x11, making room for the record of 3900 stamps. Of course, for the exchange of stamps that are worth a few cents only it would not pay (neither in time nor in money) to keep such a record, but where stamps of higher value are considered such a systematic record becomes evidently valuable. It shows exactly from whom any stamp was obtained, when and at what price, and all this is kept in handy form, SEPARATE FROM THE COLLECTION. The text is printed in the German language, but it may easily be understood and used by anybody, whether he understands German or not. The book is bound in cloth, and the price is 2 francs and postage, which will be about 90 cents in the U. S. It may be ordered through the editor of the INQUIRY DEPARTMENT: Rev. L. G. DORPAT, WAYSIDE, WIS.

Mr. George Ward Linn of Columbus, Ohio, has for many years aimed at accomplishing the publication of a first class stamp paper, and now, in the Stamp Collector of which he is publisher and editor, he is realizing his ambition. The paper was good from the start, but every succeeding number is a slight improvement over the one before. There is original matter, not in wording only, but in ideas. The latest, is an American Philatelic Academy, patterned after the French Academy, to consist of the best philatelists in America, is to be self-perpetuating. The name and process does not seem to matter much in Mr. Linn's mind, if the object be attained, namely, the serious cooperation of all truly scientific philatelic minds. We believe the idea worth taking up by all true friends of the study of stamps, and would suggest that each of the big national societies at their meetings this year, appoint a committee say of three men, to communicate with similar committees of other societies. After a year's consultation among these committees an organization might be effected. Another way would be a confederation among all stamp societies of the United States for the express purpose of creating a national scientific board. This Board might fix its own standard of labors, philatelic research, decision of philatelic questions, etc. etc. As Mr. Linn suggests, the body whatever its name or organization may be, should not be dominated by a few, but should be representative and built on the broadest basis.

Our friends who have neglected to remit their subscriptions—no matter how cordial our relations—will unfortunately never see another copy of WEST if they fail to heed this warning: "Do it now!" Don't blame us if we cut you off. We can't help it. It's orders. Two months due is all we allow. Send today.

Some Cancellations

While sorting over a batch of common U. S. stamps a few years ago, I came upon a very unique cancellation. The stamp was the 2c brown, 1882 issue, bearing the profile of Washington. The cancellation was a mere black daub, but its shape and position on the stamp gave it an exact appearance of a black, fringed hood on the head of an old lady—a Grandmother Washington, in fact.

I have since paid more attention to cancellations and postmarks, and have found much that is interesting about them.

The cancellations of our own country are by no means uniform. There are countless varieties and variations. The old "Paid" hand stamp, used before postage stamps made their bow to the public, was sometimes used to cancel the early postage stamps. The circular dater, giving the name of the city with date is the common cancellation on old U. S. stamps. Later the dauber, (the stamp canceller), was added to the date stamp, giving us the postmark as we now have it. The date stamp has remained practically unchanged, but the dauber is found in a great variety of designs. Cogwheels, concentric circles, rings, oval and circular designs of parallel bars, shields, and scores of other emblems and singular designs are among the cancellations of hand stamps.

The daubers of the automatic cancelling machine are longer and in straight and wavy lines, oblique and vertical bars.

Foreign cancellations have comparatively little variation. The early British stamps of the mother country were used in some of the smaller colonies until special stamps were provided. These stamps are distinguishable only by the canceller which bore a distinctive number. A few of them are: AO1, Kingston, Jamaica; AO2, Antigua; AO3, Georgetown, British Guiana; AO5, Bahamas; AO9, Nevis; A11, St. Lucia; A15, Grenada, etc. The offices of the large towns in England, corresponding to second class offices in our country, use numbered cancellation stamps very similar to the old colonial marks.

The postmarks of European countries are uniform in general appearance, though of course, there are many varieties.

In examining cancellations, wide differences in the quality and kind of inks used will be noted. Different colors as well as many varieties of black inks are in evidence. Some Oriental countries and also a few in Europe have used inks of chemical composition that make penetrating stains in the paper, sometimes bleaching or destroying the color of that portion of the stamp obliterated.

BLOTTING PAPER. If you are neat with your collection you will have found blotting paper a great convenience and aid in preparing stamps for the collection.

All extra paper should be removed from the backs of stamps before placing in the collection. If the stamps be in used condition, they may usually be placed in water to soak. When the paper is loose, blot off all surplus water with one set of blotters, then place the stamp between two dry, clean blotters and under weights or in a book press until dry.

It is best to leave the stamps to dry for several hours. If they are taken out while yet damp, are liable to curl and warp, and will not present the pleasing flat appearance of the pressed stamps.

The average collector will find a half dozen clean white blotters sufficient for his needs.

The WEST has paid a larger number and greater variety of advertisers than any other periodical, and over 100 pages per issue for the past ten years.

New Coins and Stamps

BRISK DEMAND FOR THE NEW 7D. STAMP OF KING EDWARD.

With the accession of a new Sovereign, a change is necessitated in stamps and coinage. In due course new designs will be made bearing the head of King George V, both for the Mint and the stamp departments, but it will be some time before the first George V. coin or stamp is struck off.

The Edward VII. issues will be continued until the dies of the present King are ready, but only the quantities which are absolutely necessary for the carrying on of public business will be issued.

The new 7d. postage stamp, announced a short time ago, bearing the late King's portrait has been on sale. Printed in grey, the King's head is surrounded with scroll work, the leaves going up to the side of the crown, and the value is printed in each top corner.

This is said to be the first time a new stamp has been issued immediately after the death of a monarch, and there was a great demand for the issue, both on the part of dealers and the general public.

King George is an ardent philatelist, and the Inland Revenue officials are expecting him to take a peculiar interest in the new issues. When he was in Canada he personally arranged with the Postmaster General of the Dominion for the issue of the Canadian stamp, and after reaching London he sent a specially taken photograph of himself from Marlborough house to the engravers of the die. The King possesses one of the most valuable collections of stamps in the world, including the famous first Mauritius stamps—the penny red and the two-penny blue.—Fortnightly.

WHAT THE EMBLEM SAYS.

'Bright & Sons' "A.B.C." Descriptive Prices Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps, Part 1, Eighth Edition. For the second time we have been favored with a copy of this popular English catalogue, which now in its eighth edition is being recognized as a worthy rival of Gibbons. We will not enter into details in reviewing this catalogue, for such would be a task most difficult, but a few words descriptive, etc., will not be far amiss. Bright's Catalogue, in scope and style is somewhat similar to Scott's, but we prefer the latter for the reason that the illustrations are more distinct, and the system of excluding minor varieties is more concise. The lists of Nicaragua and Salvador have been re-written by a specialist. Special attention has been given to Holland, also several of the Indian Native States. Owing to the increase in the number of pages the publishers have increased the price of the catalogue. The price now, postpaid is 2-10 (seventy cents). This catalogue, thoroughly revised up to the date of going to press, contains 5000 illustrations including about 200 of U.S. stamps. American collectors will appreciate Bright's for this reason, if for no other. Well printed on thin glossy paper, and bound in dainty blue cloth, Bright's Eighth Edition forms a neat and useful handbook and should enjoy a large sale in this country as well as in England." This catalogue or Lincoln's given with the WEST 1 year for a dollar.

Auction sales are amusing things. There is a certain excitement about them which pretty much every one enjoys. There is quick, sharp bidding on desirable items, while poor things can barely get a bid. There is always the hope of making a good turn.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Anyone who sets himself to make a collection of the world's Postage Dues would find it a hard matter; in this sphere there are occasionally wonderful opportunities for the buyer who makes a practice of supplying out-of-the-way stamps.

A dealer who makes a specialty of the stamps of any particular country will be likely to provide some uncommon kinds of that country; two pages of a certain wholesale list to hand are devoted to the stamps of one country, per hundred, and the items are delightfully interesting in their extent and fulness.

Selections of stamps that can be described as "odds and ends" probably stand little chance of attracting purchasers; perhaps the best selling sheet is that on which regular issues are set out in the order in which they occur in the catalogue.

It is stated that the craze for original covers dates back to the time of Adam. If that is so, Noah must have been the first collector of pairs.

Dealers in current issues find it an advantage to have a correspondent on or near the spot, some reliable good fellow, who is simply a gatherer of stamps for the purpose of exchanging them for others outside the sweep of his own net. As likely as not he will pick up many an out-of-the-way stamp and send it along where he possesses it in duplicate.

New Zealand Officials above the 1d value are an interesting quest, though apt to be not too fruitful in results.

The new issue for Portugal has led to a search among old correspondence for addressed or neglected exchange correspondents in that country, and one hopes some of them may prove to be still in evidence. Still, the cheaper sorts will put in an appearance in other quarters in due time.

A plan that usually pays is to fix upon some denomination of any new set that is likely to be scarce, and get correspondents to use that value in superabundance on all their letters, thus providing oneself with a supply of that particular stamp from the outset.

There was a lot of talk about the Merry Widow stamp at the time of its sudden withdrawal, but up to the present 15 cents is the mark reached (face value 8 cents). Of these Mr. Morris says, "Only four plates of these stamps were prepared, and they were only put to press three times, and as is well known, a very few postoffices ever had a supply of them prior to their withdrawal from circulation."

Philatelically speaking, the death of King Edward will make great changes. When we consider the large number of "King's Heads" for Great Britain and her Colonies that are now in use it is readily seen that many new varieties of stamps will soon be added to the catalogue. The boom in "king's heads" will assuredly have a great impetus and this just as surely means the birth of many more stamp collectors.

You will be doing us a great deal of good when buying stamps from our advertisers if you will kindly mention that you saw their advertisement in the WEST. The WEST for sixteen years has been greatly supported by the trade, owing to its large circulation and the business done with its readers. In asking you to mention the WEST our advertisers are able to find that it pays to patronize our magazine. It costs 2c a word, 3 times for the price of 2. It pays big. Try it.

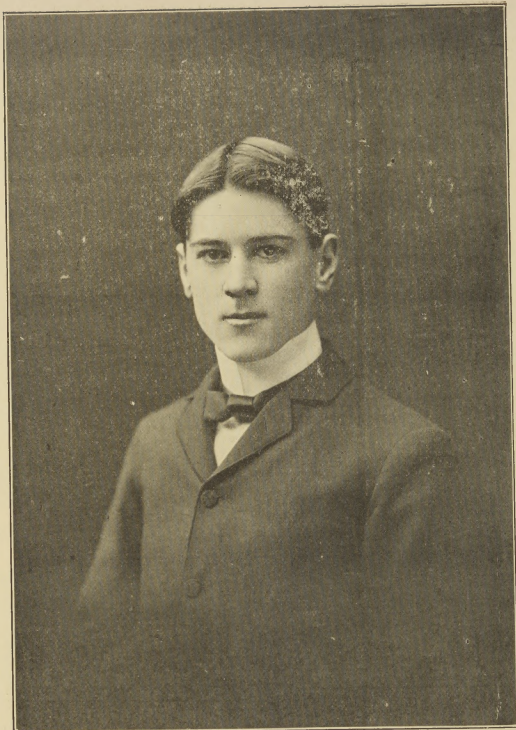
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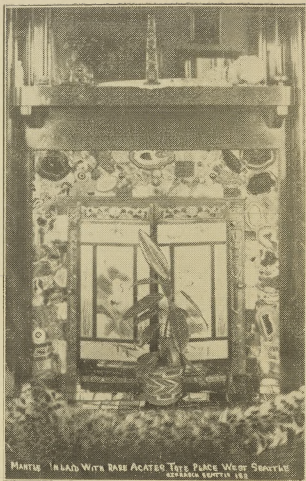


I. Wilcox, Jewett
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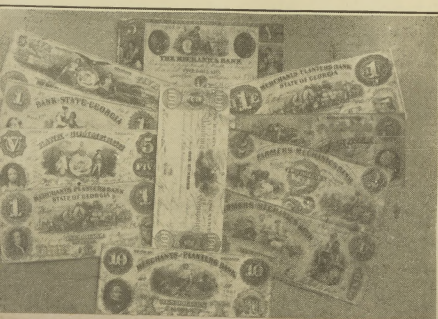


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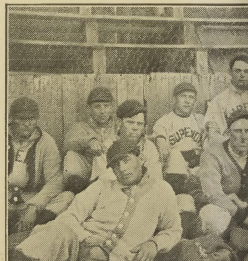


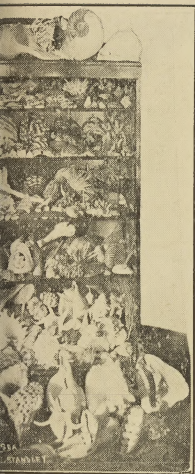
Vernon's Hiawatha, Salem, Ohio.
See write-up in next issue.

A bunch of stamps taken from a packet.
Bills of J. H. Harmon, Hay Springs, Neb.

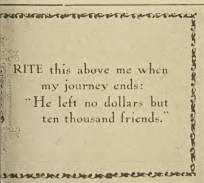


Superior's Winning Team of t
After the Penna





Washington.



RITE this above me when
my journey ends:
"He left no dollars but
ten thousand friends."

Nebraska State League
for 1910.



One of Francis Bannerman's large sales rooms, New York City

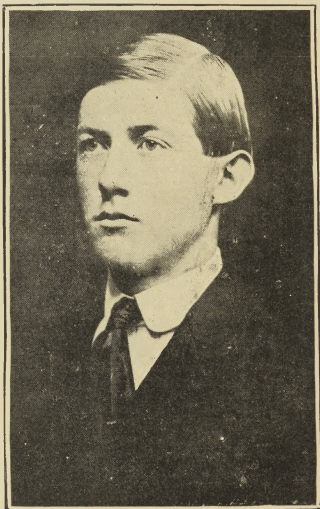
See their ads in this issue.

Texas and New Mexican Cactus of Mrs. Patterson.

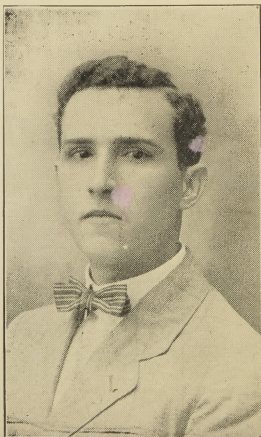
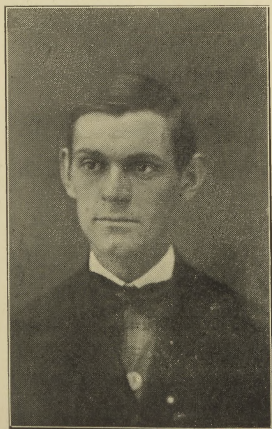




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H. B. Dynes, Indianapolis, Ind.



J. T. Baber, Pocahontas, Va.
Student and Collector.
A. Vazquez, Havana, Cuba.





PHILOCARTY



POST CARD

P. C. Collectors
The World

Over



Let us one and all become real recruiters. Let each month see new ads, new names on the post card club list, new deeds of all sorts, helping one another in the various pursuits of the large field of Hobbies. One of our leading card and stamp papers, published in Winnipeg, Canada, is called "The Hobbyist," and is an official organ of one of the leading Canadian card clubs called the "Hobby Club." I cannot comment enough on the appropriateness of said name for such a paper devoted to all branches of collecting, same as The WEST. It has been advertised in the WEST and it would pay to subscribe for the same.

How many of you have seen the Annual Post Card Directory, published by the Philatelic & Cartophilic Printing Co., Rotherham, England? It is the best book of its kind. It embraces all fields of philocartty the world over, giving names of collectors, publishers, societies, printers, also reviews, also gives assists in the foreign languages to enable anyone to correspond in at least 4 different languages, using the necessary phrases in card exchange purposes.

"Things seen are mightier than things heard or read." So said some wise man once, and this applies to the card exchange. The view depicts to our eye at once a place or scene we could not grasp half as well and quickly through words alone as can the view card with only a greeting, penned to it by the busy friend abroad, or wherever he may be, with greetings such as these: "Hello, old boy! See where I'm at. Wish you were here with me", etc. It is certainly impressionistic! The picture is conveyed in the right spirit and thus the scene is perceived in our mind's eye.

How many have seen the sets of cards from Canal Zone? These are a rarity, show the great Panama Canal, work in progress. The cards are beautiful in rich colors, consisting of various interesting scenes on the Canal. They are most perfect, finished in "photochrome" style. These show native homes and natives at work, negro quarters of workmen on the Canal, Chagres River and high level locks of the Canal, stone crushers, dredges at terminus, sections of the Panama Canal, great monster steam shovels at work hoisting tons of rock and soil in a most impressive manner. The steam shovels are much the same as those used in our country in building railway.

Notice the card ads in the WEST as most of them are good ones.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

Ex-Senator George P. Morehouse, of Topeka, who is much interested in archæological and historical subjects, has made some interesting archæological developments in the Diamond Valley, in the southwestern part of Morris county, Kans.

An interesting find is reported from Doniphan county, as follows:

"While Loyd Dawson was plowing on the top of a hill near Eagle Springs, his plow struck something which proved to be a human skull. The entire skeleton was brought to town and can be seen in a glass case at the drug store. In the grave were found bells, arrow points and a great ball of war paint, which, when the air struck it, crumbled to ashes, but was carefully collected and the color is still a vivid hue. No doubt of this being an Indian burying ground as other graves were found. one a child's with beads and other ornaments. The skeleton is of large proportions showing the Indian to have been almost a giant and probably a chief of his tribe by the amount of finery buried with him. Indications are these skeletons had lain there since long before the white man invaded this territory as the land on which it was found was first settled in 1856 by John Alfrey, Jr., and has been continuously cultivated since. The dirt has gradually washed away by the natural wash of time and cultivation until the buried bodies became exposed."

Did you ever hear of anyone making a collection of patent medicines before?

'In these days it is a tad to make a collection of something or other,' says the Stockton Record, 'but the most curious collection we have heard of is that of Mrs. Fannie Lewis of this city. Her tastes ran to patent medicines and toilet preparations, and with her accustomed energy and thoroughness, she has succeeded in gathering into one place samples of nearly everything known to modern nostrumology. For a long time she haunted the local drug store for samples, but as her collection grew her insatiable ambition led her into wider fields, and she pored over the advertising pages of magazines and medical journals hunting for something new, and when she found it she would write for a sample. In this way she has built up a museum of unnatural curiosities or a medical junk shop that will be a mine of information for the pharmaceutical antiquarian of the future. She is now receiving a heavy letter mail from manufacturers all over the country asking if she has benefited by the remedies and requesting testimonials for publication.'

County Clerk H. L. Petterson, while plowing upon his farm in Logan township, Mitchell County some years ago, found two coins of the reign of King Charles II. of England, bearing the dates of 1663 and 1671, respectively. The coins are of copper, and from the inscriptions and characters upon them, were probably used in the British East Indian trade. How they ever came to Mitchell county, Kansas, will, of course, never be known."

Kansas collectors are requested to send the editor of this department any notes that they may deem suitable for publication therein. Address P. O. Box 7, Potter, Kans.



ODDS AND ENDS



The anthropological department of the Peabody museum at Yale has received from Prof. Kollman, who holds the professorship of anatomy at the Anatomical Institute at Basle, Switzerland, an interesting relic. It is a human female skull found in a neolithic lake dwelling near Neufchatel.

A pair of Charles II. table candlesticks with fluted nozzles and large octagonal wax cans sold for \$7100 at a sale of silver in London. A James I. goblet with original gildings, weighing 6 oz 12 dwts, realised \$3000.

The duchess of Bedford is an enthusiastic ornithologist. In an article in British Birds she gives some remarkable instances of longevity among birds in her own collection. A Barbary dove which has been in the duchess' possession for fifteen years was left her by an old woman who also owned it for fifteen years and who always said it was an old bird when it was given to her.

Perhaps the most interesting and valuable heirloom in South Dakota is owned by James Kelton, a prominent resident of Henry. It is in the form of an old clock, which was sent to him by a relative in Massachusetts. The great, great, great grandfather of Mr. Kelton brought the old clock from Scotland prior to the year 1635. Thus the old time piece is known to be over 275 years old. An interesting feature of the matter is that the old clock yet is running and keeps accurate time as any new and modern clock. Naturally the clock is regarded by Mr. Kelton as priceless and is considered his most valuable possessions.

Some interesting relics were disposed of at the London auction rooms the other day. Three thousand dollars was paid for an old mahogany desk on which Robert Burns wrote many of his poems and lyrics. The purchaser was Bertrand Quaritch the famous book seller of Piccadilly, who secured it after keen competition. A mahogany desk and oak stool which were used by Charles Dickens fetched \$117. A first edition of "Don Quixote" in two volumes, printed at Madrid in 1605 and 1615 realized \$1,250, and a first edition of Homer, printed at Florence, 1488, was sold for \$1,225.

An interesting sale of books relating to America is being held in London. The subjects dealt with in the collection include accounts of the early settlements, Indian tribes, Mexico, West Indies, South America and the American Revolution. Included in the sale are a number of valuable books from the library of a nobleman, and rare manuscripts and original drawings from the collection of the late M. T. C. Blofeld.

A Charles II. tankard sold for \$680 recently in London.

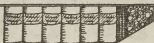
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AUTOGRAPH TALK

An English dealer writes to me: " * * * There is a run on some dozen names and their letters sell at once as soon as offered, but names which have been celebrated in the past seem to be forgotten. There are very few good students nowadays, and the names of even celebrated personages are often quite unknown. Every year the old clever collectors die and there are none to replace them. This is a frivolous age—all hurry and bustle; people have no time to think and money is all they care about."

I have often said the same thing—as all this is quite true of the United States—but I had supposed it was different in Great Britain. With a far greater percentage of wealthy and cultivated people than a new country like the United States could possibly have, I thought that there must be, of course, many more autograph collectors. But it seems there are not and that the outlook is not good. The dealer further said that the best place to sell a good thing was at auction—in other words, to catch the transient ignorant rich buyer.

There are many multimillionaires in England and the United States who are hunting around to find opportunities of getting rid of their surplus money. They are ready to buy anything if told that it is rare and desirable. They think it looks well to have a large and finely-bound library—so they plunge heavily in books at auction sales, and also take a fling at autographs now and then. It needs a rich bait to entice these buyers. It must be the library or collection of some nobleman or famous collector. Then they flock in and bid each other up to foolish heights. Exactly the same items without the glamor of the famous name would not attract them at all. In other words, they know little of the books or autographs themselves and are simply buying on the name of the seller. It is the same in this country. It is the advertisement which sells, not the merit of the article.

Fortunately for myself there is a sufficient number of intelligent and cultured people in this country who like autograph letters to warrant my continuing in business, and there are times—by putting things in auction sales—when I can get some of the money of the ignorant rich. For all of which I am duly thankful.

There are any quantities of good autographs in the United States. There are not enough fine letters of Washington, Lincoln, Poe, Hawthorne, etc., to supply all who want them, hence the prices are forced up by the competition of buyers. But of the lesser lights like Longfellow, Holmes, Whittier, etc., there is seemingly an endless supply. There is not the slightest reason for fighting over them at auction.

The trouble with the American collector is, when he wants a thing he wants

it at once. If one dealer has not got it he applies to all the other dealers, and the result is they are all after it for him; and if one turns up at auction there is fierce competition and up goes the prices. The old collectors were patient. They rather enjoyed collecting, and did not expect to finish it up in six months. Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet was over twenty years ext a illustrating his "Lossing's Field Book of the Revolution," and would be at it yet had he not sold it with his other books to the Lenox Lib ary.

"If you are extra-illustrating Irving's 'Life of Washington' there is really no hurry about getting it to the binders. Take time about it, do it soberly and quiet y, then it will be done right and you will be proud of it.

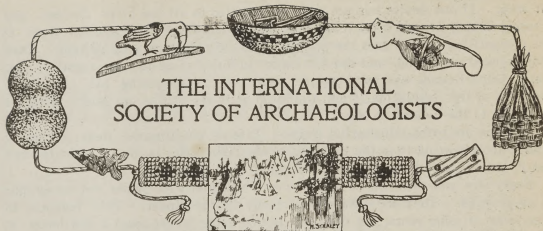
Every now and then sets of books extra-illustrated with prints and autographs turn up at sales. They are unbound and ready for the binder. This purports to be the labor of some years, but the truth is that some dealer spent a few hours at it, putting in what cheap prints and common autographs he could find readily at hand. It pretends to be in the same class with the labor of love on which some collector has spent years while extending some famous work. Of course it is not. But it catches some rich fool and that is all that was wanted.

While many foolish prices are paid at auctions it does not follow that all prices are high. There are many items which go at reasonable rates and some which go cheaply. The thing to do is to keep your head and know something about what you are buying. It is the auctioneer's business to try and work up excitement, so as to increase competition. This should be guarded against. There are at present four auctioneers who sell autograph letters. These are Stan V. Henkels, of Philadelphia; Walter Scott and Geo ge H. Morse, of New York, and Allen H. Bent, of Boston. Mr. Henkels has been doing it for twenty years and has had wide experience. He knows a good deal about historical and political autographs, but has not had much to do with other varieties.—From The Collector,

PICTURE POST CARDS IN EDUCATION.

The advent of the picture post card has provided a cheap, abundant and varied supply of pictures which can be freely used in teaching History, Geography, and English Literature. To use these to the best advantage, obtain a picture frame and have a hinged back attached so that the contents may be easily changed. Get a stiff cardboard mount and, having decided on the number of cards to be displayed at one time, cut holes in it, slightly smaller than the ordinary card. After gumming a small piece of cardboard at the base of each hole, to prevent the card from slipping down, the preparations are complete. A few words about the selection of cards will perhaps be useful. Should a passage from Shakespeare be taught, a set of views of the poet's birthplace, church and tomb should be displayed. The birthdays of other great men, dates of battles, and other important events could be impressed on the scholars' minds in this way, the exhibition being accompanied by a few words of explanation. In some cases the scholars will themselves give or lend cards for exhibition, thus increasing the interest taken in the subject. Some cards are especially useful to teachers, for use as above, because they contain much useful information as well as very interesting views. It is hoped that future issues by all publishers will bear plenty of information, as the educational advantages of the cards will be thus increased, e. g. with the portrait of a poet or writer should be joined date of birth and death, names of chief works, etc. Look up the WEST card ads.

If you don't believe people have money to spend, try an ad in the WEST. Then you'll have another think a-coming. Pays big, 2c a word. Try it.



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SECRETARYS' EIGHTH REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Just a few words this time. I am very busy right now (May 17) working on the May ARCHAEOLOGICAL BULLETIN. Very few realize how much work is connected with this office and editing the Bulletin, or there would be a greater effort on the part of more members to assist me in the recruit work. I do not like to be personal, but I hope you will realize the extent of this work when I tell you that my daily work and this together has compelled me to put in 16 to 17 hours each day, and nearly every Sunday since last August. In that time I have written nearly 1,000 communications concerning the society work. I am glad to be able to do the work but you have no idea how I would appreciate assistance from YOU in the way of working for new members. Must I ask you again? Remember, the larger the membership, the better the Archaeological Bulletin.

The following members have recently donated 50 cents each for the General Funds of the society. I take this means of thanking them again for their kindness:—Arthur Hunt, Chicago, Ills. Archibald Crozier, Ashburn, Mo. A few others have contributed lesser amounts. Lack of space prevents a statement in full. Due credit will be given in time.

Below is this month's list of applicants. A few more than last month, but let us make it still larger for next month. YOUR help is needed to do it—remember, I have the BULLETIN work on hands.

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The above applicants will be admitted to full membership in thirty days if no complaint is filed with the Secretary prior to that.

For application blank address the Secretary,

Allen Jesse Reynolds, Box 534, Council Grove, Kans.

ABOUT MUTILATED COINS.

Mutilated coin is redeemable at the United States Assay Offices and the United States mints; gold coin at the former, and silver, nickel and copper coins at the latter. No matter what state of mutilation a coin may be in, it is redeemable at its bullion value only. If all its original weight and fineness exists, its bullion value will be its former face value.

The face value of silver and smaller coins is determined by the government stamp upon them, although that value is about twice their bullion value. If they are mutilated without any of the coin having been removed, and are genuine United States coins and not counterfeits made of the same metal, they will then be redeemable at their face value in amounts of not less than \$3.00. If, however, a portion of the coin has been removed, no matter now small (as for instance, a plugged coin), it can be redeemed at its bullion value only. If any portion of a nickel or copper coin has been removed it is practically destroyed, as its bullion value is of no moment.

It is a crime to again circulate coin from which any portion has been taken. Silversmiths and jewelers have been forbidden the practice of punching a hole in a gold or silver coin, to be used on a bangle, or to file smooth on side, as for a button, for the reason that some day the coin thus mutilated might become separated from its attachment and be the means of defrauding some innocent person. Jewelers, cannot, however, be prevented from soldering on a small eyelet or ring, as by so doing they have not taken any portion from the coin. Further, it is not against the law to mutilate or plug a nickel or copper coin, because such mutilation or plugging destroys it as a coin. One quite noticeable defect in genuine gold coins, especially in five dollar gold pieces, is the occasional absence of ring. An examination of the coin under a microscope will reveal that this is due to cracking, the government inspectors sometimes failing to detect such a defect. If a comparatively new coin, it will still be of full weight and value.

C. R. HARRIS.

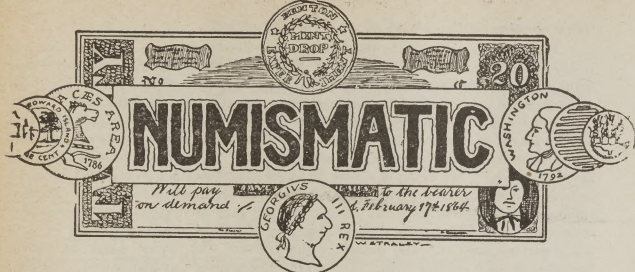
Paying Teller, Commercial Department Scandinavian American Bank, of Seattle.



The 76th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, May 6th, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following twenty members were present: Messrs. Ripstra, Mayer, J. T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, W.F. Dunham, V.M. Brand, Brenner, Simpson, Excell, Leon, Michael, Jochem, Baker, Sorensen, Williams, Loer, Rau and Wilson.

A bronze medal of Dr. Daniel G. Brinton was received from the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia, issued in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Society. Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer presented a number of numismatic pamphlets. Messrs. C.E. Morrill and Leo Kahn were elected to membership. Under Exhibitions Mr. V.M. Brand showed a part of his collection of the silver coins of Brunswick and Lureberg, consisting of four 1½ thaler, three 2 thaler, four 3 thaler, five 4 thaler, four 5 thaler, two 6 thaler and three 10 thaler pieces. Mr. W. F. Dunham showed his collection of wa medals. Magazines received since last meeting were: Philatelic West, Numismatische Verkehr and Spink's Circular for April, and Mehl's Monthly for April and May; auction catalogs from Cahn, Chic go Coin Co., Egger Bros., Elder, Green, Hirsch (2), Low and Steigerwalt; with fixed prices from Boudeau, Kube and Majer; priced catalog from Low. Mr. Simpson was present as a visitor. Adjourned to meet June 3rd. Ben G. Green, Sec'y.

There will shortly be sold in New York, the rarest and most desirable coin in the world. It will probably prove a record breaker in the way of prices and it is certainly worth any sum that may be paid for it. We refer of course, to the unique Confederate half dollar, the only numismatic record of a nation of nine millions of people who maintained a precarious existence in the face of overwhelming odds for the space of nearly four years and a half. Many ancient rulers and cities are represented by single coins which command big prices, and while in most cases they are genuine and authentic records of the past their histories are not susceptible of proof. Other coins which have been sold for small fortunes base their value on the difference of a date or perhaps some unimportant variety, whereas the king of all coins has an authentic history from the day it was struck to the present time and as if to prove beyond any peradventure of a doubt that its birth was legitimate it is practically guaranteed by the U. S. for the reverse die is the same die as that used for our own coins and a minute crack above the head of Liberty proves that it was the die in use in New Orleans at the breaking out of the war. Four of these coins were struck but all record of the other three has been lost. Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy was the owner of one of these and the present writer in the course of inquiry regarding the history of this remarkable coin received a letter from Mr. Davis in which he stated that it was stolen from him at the time of his capture. Where are the other three? The question is as difficult of solution as the location of the lost tribes of Israel. It is scarcely probable that all three have been destroyed as from the history of the coins it is likely that they would be cherished by their owners, in fact we learn from Mr. Davis' letter that he took it with him in his flight although its possession might lead to his discovery. While he left many jewels, lands and nearly all his possessions he clung to the one imperishable record of his former greatness. The coin has been struck on U. S. Half dollars but the clumsy work readily distinguishes it from the beautiful original. We occasionally hear of one of these turning up in some Southern city with the statement that the owner has refused ten thousand dollars for his priceless possession. Sad must be his awakening when on showing his coin to an expert he learns alas that it is only worth \$10 or \$15.



Scotch and Irish Coins

When Charles I. succeeded his father, he continued the miscellaneous coinage at that time circulating in Scotland, and, curiously enough on his early pieces reproduced his father's portrait, slightly varying it by altering the beard. In 1653, however, it was deemed advisable to institute an entirely new currency, one more after the English pattern, and in that issue the bust of the king was turned in the opposite direction, a custom always adopted in succeeding reigns when any change was made in the sovereignty. Two famous artists were employed in designing the gold and silver coins of the first issue of new money, afterwards followed by five other issues. In the issues made in 1625 there were crowns, half-crown, shillings, sixpences and pence of English denomination, although in Scotch money they represented much larger sums, such, for instance, as the sixpence known as six-shilling (Scots) and the shilling as the twelve shillings (Scots), thus it will be seen that the shilling was a term used in the same sense and the value as the English penny. That makes it a little confusing to young collectors when a coin is described as a thirty-shilling piece, because in reality it is only of the same size as the half-crown or coin of the value of thirty pence.

On the shilling of Charles I is found the fine shield of arms which figured so conspicuously on coins of this reign, the quarterings of which represent all the countries of the union, and those of France, too, for it will be seen from the legend round the king's head on the obverse that the kingdom of France was even then included among the titles of the King of Great Britain. Collectors of Irish coins will be familiar with the coins in use in Ireland and will, no doubt, possess a few specimens of the early pennies of the ancient Irish kings, a series including the Hiberno Danish and the Irish kings of Dublin, as well as the kings of Waterford and Limerick. It is, however, to the coins of rather more recent dates that we would direct our readers, and the Irish half penny is extremely interesting. On the obverse there is a representation of David playing a harp, on its reverse stands St. Patrick, mitred, holding a crozier, surmounted by a shamrock in his left hand, his ancient cathedral being pictured in the background. During the Civil War many coins, which make interesting additions to the collector's cabinet, were struck in Ireland. Among these special mention may be made of the proclamation, in 1643 by the Duke of Ormonde, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, creating a currency of "Ormond" coins. The Cork shillings and sixpences of octagonal

shape are also rarities among the coins of that period.

When Charles II came to the throne at the Restoration, the Scottish mint was revived, and silver and copper struck in Edinburgh; the chief values of the silver being the merk and its multiples. The letter "F", seen on so many of these coins is the initial of Sir John Falconer, who was the warden of the Mint.

About this time turners, bawbees and brodles, copper coins easily collectable and inexpensive, were struck. Concurrent with these copper half-pennies and farthings were issued in Ireland and a second issue of St. Patrick's half-pennies and farthings made. The coins of James II. struck for Scotland, were fairly good in quality, but strange to say, the Scotch pieces were debased, although the English standard was well maintained. The Irish coins may be divided into those struck before the Restoration to the English throne, and those issued after James II, had fled to Ireland, and virtually abdicated the throne. The former coins in copper consisted of half-pennies only. The second issue, known as gun-money, was very curious; it was composed of brass and copper, in various conditions of alloy, old guns and metals contributed by the supporters of the fugitive king to provide him with money. The nominal values were half-crowns, shillings, six-pences, the half-crowns being in size about the same as our English copper pennies and of no better worth. All these, which are easily obtainable, are of special interest to collectors specializing on Irish moneys.

With the accession of William and Mary, the interest in Scotch coinage lessens, although the bawbee and the bodle continued in their reign; and in the reign of Queen Anne some coins were struck in Edinburgh, the letter E. under the bust denoting their origin, there was not much, however, to distinguish them from the English coinage, which from that time become inseparable from that of England. In Ireland copper pence and half-pence differed only from those of England in the Irish harp and the figure of Hibernia on their reverses. Collectors of Scotch and Irish coins will doubtless include in their cabinets specimens of the tokens which were issued in such numbers during times of scarcity of copper currency towards the close of the 18th century, and also in 1811, when the need of more silver coins was felt. One of the types which may be looked out for is the copper half penny token, which was payable at Cronebane, or in Dublin in 1794. It is a very curious coin, indicating on the reverse some of the articles sold by the issuers. Another is an Irish shilling token and appears to have been issued by the Irish Bullion Company, as it states for the value of "one British shilling." Still another indicated some irregular coinage issued by the Rothsays Mills, who sought their metal in existing current coin and cut them up in irregular shapes stamping them with a small die of their own, raising the value of the sectional pieces in so doing.

The value of coins always interests young collectors in a series like the one indicated; however it is impossible to give any standard prices, as none exist. Each dealer seems to ask just what he considers his coins to be worth their rarity and the conditions under which he purchased them affecting the price very materially. In few instances need any prices be paid, for copper coins of Scotland and Ireland are quite cheap, and may be bought at prices varying from one penny to sixpence each. The silver coins, too, are for the most part inexpensive, often being procurable for double their face values, and although there are forgeries about, most of the coins of this series are reliable, excepting the siege pieces, which have been forged in considerable quantities.

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EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

Part of a burned and mud-buried ancient ship has just been discovered in the harbor near Christchurch, Hampshire. At first it was considered to be a viking vessel, but further excavations and expert criticism of the articles discovered have established the fact that the ship belonged to the Romans. A small incense cup of graceful outline $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, was sent to the British Museum authorities for examination, with the result that Mr. C. H. Read replied it was of Roman date. Altogether more than twenty articles of iron, bronze and pottery have been found.—London Chronicle.

The editor recently received from Mr. Ed Drey of Tiffin, Ohio, a half dozen very fine arrow and spear heads. all from Seneca Co. These make a fine addition to my collection by counties.

I give below a short list of publications for students. These are published by the U. S. National Museum and are free if in stock. If not, they may be purchased of the Superintendent of Public Documents for a small sum: The Museum-Gates Expedition to Arizona. Pipes and Smoking Customs of American Aborigines. Biblical Antiquities. Primitive Methods of Drilling. Aboriginal American Harpoons. The Annual Report of the U. S. National Museum for 1902, containing a complete treatise on Indian Basketry. Also the 25th Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology, containing Dr. Fewke's work on West Indian Archaeology. Magazines in the U. S. on archaeology are the American Anthropologist, published at Lancaster, Penn., at \$1.25 per copy or \$4.00 per year of four numbers. Records of the Past, Washington, D.C., 25c per copy, or \$2.00 per year of twelve numbers. The Archaeological Bulletin, Box 534, Council Grove, Kansas, at 10c per copy, or 40c per year of four numbers.

Prof. "W. K. Moorehead's work,—The Stone Age, will soon be out in two volumes. This will be a valuable addition to archaeological libraries.

A LOADED RELIC.—George J. Remsburg.

Only a rusty rifle barrel
Hid away in the attic;
Found at last by a festive kid.
Venturesome and erratic;

Only a relic of old war-times,—
The touch-hole badly corroded;
But it proved to be a very bad case
Of 'didn't know it was loaded.'

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUE FIRE ARMS

—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELLSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning old fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

SELECTIONS FROM AN HISTORIAN'S NOTE BOOK. By G. Ellsworth Brown.

The inventor of the percussion lock was a Scotchman named Forsyth. He made the percussion lock, not the percussion cap lock, about 1807, and it is said that early models retained the flash pan to hold the pill shaped fulminate which was exploded by the hammer. At a later time a tube was inserted in place of the flash pan, and the powder was set off by the explosion of a cap. Sometimes when a flintlock was altered to a percussion lock the hammer would be retained and a piece of steel substituted in place of the flint, this hitting the cap and exploding it.

It may be interesting to know that the first breech-loading guns were made about 1675.

The last important lock invention before the metallic cartridge arms came was the Maynard Primer Tape lock, adopted and used by the United States during the Civil War. The lock plates of some Civil War Springfield muskets had a receptacle for putting in a tape on which were pieces of fulminate about a half inch apart. Each cocking of the hammer set the tape further out over the nipple. The hammer hit it and caused a spark to be generated as though a cap had been used.

Allen's invention for changing the muzzle loading Springfield into the breech loading type was adopted by the U. S. Government. Snider's invention for doing the same thing with the Enfield was adopted by the British.

Percussion lock arms were first used by the U. S. Government in 1830.

Chassepot, the inventor of the famous cassepot Rifle, died a few years ago. He was a native of Mutzig where he was an armorer, but he soon rose to the head of the French gun factories where the rifle bearing his name was invented. This was the finest gun used in the last war with Prussia, so think most military experts.

In 1836 the manufacture of the famous "Colt" revolving pistols, carbines, and rifles began at Pattenon, N. J. The efficiency of their wonderful repeating action was well established during the Seminole War, when the U. S. Government first used these now world-wide known guns and pistols. Near the middle of the last century the Colt factory was permanently established at Hartford, Conn.

Christopher M. Spencer, when he was only nineteen years old, invented the Spencer carbine. Of it General Grant said near the close of the war: "They are

the best rifles now in the hands of the troops, both as regards simplicity and rapidity in firing and superiority in manufacture." Over ninety thousand Spencer guns were bought for use in the Civil War.

Christian Sharp invented the rifle which bears his name and began making them at Hartford, Conn., in 1851. The action of these guns is said to be the strongest and many claim that they are the safest yet manufactured. The manufacture of these guns ceased in 1881. History says that John Brown used Sharp's patent carbine in his raid just before the outbreak of the Civil War.

Look out for Bogus Relics

Some time ago Mr. A. A. Elchert of New Riegel, Ohio, and Mr. Ed A. Drey, Tiffin, Ohio, both members of the I.S. of A., reported that they had been "stung" by a man named John Dull, R. D. No. 9, Tiffin, Ohio. On receipt of the report I immediately wrote Elchert and Drey for full information and give below the gist of their answers.

Drey stated that he made a settlement with Dull and got his money back. He also made a settlement with him for Mr. Elchert and got the most of his money for him. Drey says that Dull deals in perforated slate specimens. That he claims they were found on his brother's farm, and that while he was selling a lot to one collector he would have another lot out somewhere else. Drey also says that if Dull does not make them himself he has some one to do the work for him. That his specimens are all of a very odd and curious shape. He thinks that in the lot he got there was one or two genuine specimens, but they had been tampered with.

Mr. Elchert said Dull is a farmer, lives on a rented farm about six miles north of Tiffin, Ohio, that he often went to Tiffin and always had a small lot of drilled slate specimens which he tried to sell to different Indian relic collectors, that he claimed they were found on his brother's farm in Fulton Co. and that he found some of them himself. He sold quite a lot to Ed A. Drey and also to Charles Moorlock. Moorlock had his specimens displayed in Breidinger's Drug store, with a card which stated that the relics were supposed to have been used by the Seneca, Wyandotte and Mohawk Indians. Mr. Elchert says he sent five of the specimens he bought from Dull to Mr. W. H. Holmes, Curator of Prehistoric Archaeology, Washington, D. C., for examination and that Mr. Holmes pronounced them all of apparently recent make, but suggested that he (Elchert) send them to Mr. W. C. Mills, Curator of the Museum of the State University, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Mills pronounced them the same as Prof. Holmes. Mr. Elchert sent me the only specimen that was not returned to Dull. It is of black slate of a very odd shape, entirely different from the usual Indian manufacture, has two large holes drilled imperfectly through it, and looks very much like a fake.

DAVID B. EMERT.

Postcards are not suitable instruments for transmission of love passages, nor are they adapted for secret diplomatic despatches, and yet they decidedly have their uses. In 1865 the German Postmaster-General advanced the idea of using postcards. His Government rejected the scheme, but the Austrian post office took it up, and issued the first card in Vienna, in 1866. All the important countries in Europe used postal cards before the United States, which did not issue them until 1873. To Germany we also owe the picture post card which has become such a popular way of sending a bright message to one's friends without the labor of composition.

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NON—MEMBERS.

Many of you have probably noticed our line in the heading,—“The only club with guarantee to members”; but have never known what it meant. It means just what it says. Our club is the only one in America which protects its members from dishonest members. When you send a card and never get a reply, the member is supposed to report it to the secretary and receive his pay for the card plus postage. We have very few dishonest collectors but occasionally one gets in. But he is soon found out and is immediately expelled. See our different departments,—certainly we are a grand club. Next month if our plans mature, we intend to take over two post-card clubs. This is an illustration of,—Other clubs may come and go but the Pan-American goes on forever. Join TODAY—Only 35c.

HONOR ROLL.

M. Yamasaki, E. W. Schock, W. J. Donnalley, Alois Vedernjak have each secured one new member this month. Good work, keep it up!

IN MEMORIAM.

It is with deep regret that I am forced to chronicle the death of Mrs. Ed Floyd, No. 185, Olean, N. Y., who died last November. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved friends and relatives.

BY THE WAY.

234. Mrs. A. Putnam, 2446 Folsom Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., especially desires good colored foreign cards. She says she has received many fine ones through our club. Join us.

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Your Secretary.

Clarence V. Webb.

Rhode Island Philatelic Society

The 208th regular monthly meeting of the society was held at the rooms on May 18th, 1910, at 8:10 p. m. The meeting was called to order by Pres. W. A. Mowry, 11 members and 1 visitor being present.

The records of the previous meeting were read and it was directed that the records be amended to read that W. C. Polk, Arnolds Mil's. R. I., be elected to membership, instead of reinstated. Outside of this the records were approved.

The executive committee reported favorably on the application of A. W. Claflin, No. 70 So. Main St., Prov. R. I., and by vote of the society he was duly elected to active membership.

Mr. Mason reported for the Rubber Stamp Committee, stating the stamp in question had been secured and turned over to the Librarian.

Voted that the photo of the old group of the society presented by Mr. Walter Baker, be framed by the society. R. F. Chambers exhibited his choice collection of Confederate Statss War envelopes, consisting of some 1500 varieties, which with out doubt is one of the best north of the "Dixie Line."

Voted that the next meeting be held the second Wednesday in June, 1910.
Adjourned at 9:19 p. m.

Geo. C. Arnold, Sec'y.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont. will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines

The mineral collection in the National Museum in Washington is said to be one of the finest in this country. Its growth and development have been interesting. Originally it was the private collection of Charles U. Shepard of Amherst college. To this as a nucleus was added much of the material collected at the World's Fair held in Philadelphia in 1876, and since accretions have come from the field collections made by the various parties sent out by government surveys and from donations from private individuals. The collection as now shown includes about 20,000 specimens on exhibition, and it contains of conspicuous interest much of the type material from which the original descriptions of minerals have been written.

Among the specimens that are likely to attract the attention of one interested in mineralogy is the complete collection of zeolites from Great Notch, Passaic county, N J., and it may be mentioned that the series of zeolites from the Bergen tunnels is worthy of consideration. Some fine specimens of crystallized gold from California are shown, and the extraordinary large boulders of coppers, known as the "Ontonagon boulders" from the Lake Superior region, show the crystallized faces of that metal. From Bisbee, Arizona, are the beautiful green and blue crystallizations of malachite and azurite, while from Joplin, Mo., are interesting crystals of calcite. There are in the collection from abroad beautiful groups of the famous colored azurite from Cumberland, England, and full suites of crystals of topaz from Siberia and Brazil.

Dr. Isaac Lee of Philadelphia, was a famous collector of gems, and on his death the unique collection, so rich in American representatives, made by him, passed into the custody of the National Museum.

There are doubtless many minerals in existence that have not yet been described, and as interest in mineralogy grows, specimens will be collected and sent to the museum for identification. Doubtless from among these, gems will be found rivaling in beauty, if not the diamond, certainly many of the lesser well known gems.

A dispatch from Dequeen, Ark., under date of March 19, says that at Murfreesboro, Pike county, new diamond fields have been discovered which an expert from New York pronounces equal to any of the Kimberly properties in South Africa. The town of Kimberly has been incorporated and a bank and three-story hotel building are being erected. The Prairie Oil and Gas company is installing engines and pumps for the purpose of conveying oil over the mountains from Tulsa, Okla., to the refinery at Baton Rouge, La. The skeptical will watch for further news and details from the new diamond fields.

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7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
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ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured.

Previous New Total			Previous New Total		
981.	Mrs. E. A. Herndon	1	1792.	W. J. Hencke	1
1987.	Frank X. Traeger	1			

IMPORTANT.

We are again advised by the publisher of the WEST that the new law of the postoffice department will hereafter prevent clubs from including a subscription to the official organ with the society dues. This compels us to make a separate rate for membership in the UNION, and members desiring the WEST must send full subscription price direct to the publisher. Society dues should in all cases be sent to the Secretary. Our reports will continue to appear in this paper until further notice, and all members should have the WEST each month.

May 1st we issued a complete membership list, and we should like every member to have a copy. Besides the membership list it also contains some information that you should read. During the month of June another list will be printed. A red stamp will bring you one.

SPECIAL OFFER TO NON-MEMBERS.

It has been the custom of the UNION to make a special offer each year to induce new members to join. This month we are making a special offer to non-members of the club, who are subscribers to the WEST. There are doubtless many readers of the magazine who are interested in card collecting, but are not members of this club. We want every card collector to join us, therefore upon receipt of 10 cents, mailed to the Secretary before July 15, 1910, we will enter you as a member of the UNION, and mail you membership certificate and list of members,



and you will be entitled to all benefits and privileges of the society for one year. Remember, this offer is for subscribers of the WEST who are not UNION members, and it is not good for renewals.

NEW REPRESENTATIVES

We take pleasure in announcing that Y. G. Leekun, Douglas St., and King's Rd., Victoria, B. C., will act as our representative for British Columbia. Wm. S. Hicks, Box 531, Raleigh, N. C., will represent us in North Carolina.

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

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2008. Miss Arlie Seaman, 241 Stark St., Portland, Oregon.

2009. E. L. Johnson, 111 Ellita Pl., Los Angeles, Calif.

2010. Louise Kollath, 1908 Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

2011. Wm. Schmutzler, Lerchenfelderstr. 67, Wien III, Austria; sends first.

Reply to Aboriginal Life

By S. P. Hughes

In order that the readers of the WEST who do not have all files complete may understand the reason for this short article, the writer wishes to state that in the last June 1909 number of the WEST appeared an article over the name of Mr. Francis, on "Aboriginal Life". The writer not agreeing with Mr. Francis, wrote a friendly criticism in reply which the editor did not see fit to publish until last February. Mr. Francis immediately took the matter up in a personal way and the article in the April WEST is the reply.

Mr. Francis spoke of the Biblical deluge submerging Pikes Peak and the complete annihilation of the aboriginal races in America, he also stated that he believed, and now seems to have evidence that the North American Indian is still making stone implements. The writer took exception to this and asked for proof. Instead of furnishing the proof asked for, Mr. Francis parades seventeen years as a teacher in the State University and other schools as evidence that he knows more about the history of the aboriginal races than the Bureau of Ethnology. He also states that the Nebraska Geological Survey conforms to his theories, also the last issue of Skeletal Remains by Arles Hardlicks. Now the writer has a copy of both works and if there is one word in either about a Biblical Deluge or about any Dakota Indians making stone implements the writer is unable to find it. The matter of free advertising is in the mind of the writer a little bit personal as the writer has been one of the WEST'S oldest advertisers paying for all ads ever since the first issue of this paper nearly sixteen years ago.

In conclusion the writer again asks Mr. Francis for proof that there ever was a Biblical Deluge and that the North American Indian is still making arrows and other stone artifacts.

SWEDISH PLATE MONEY OF ANCIENT DATE.

The Arnold Numismatic Company, Prov. R. I., has just come into possession of a piece of plate money of ancient Swedish make of the value of two dollars as curious examples of numismatics may be mentioned the earliest Roman coin, the A. S., which was a crude, ponderous piece of work, composed of copper, weighing 12 ounces, and was the largest coin in ancient times, at a period of about 550 B. C. Another remarkable series of coins, as to weight, was struck in Sweden in 1644, the largest being a copper ten daler, which was about 12 inches square, and is called plate money." The piece secured by Mr. Arnold was struck in 1730, and is a two-daler piece. It is of copper, weighing from 2½ to 3 pounds and about 6 inches square.—Clipping sent by Reader.



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FAMOUS INSTRUMENTS.

Dated 1714, with original label, a Stradivarius violin was sold in London for \$2575. while a violin by Andreas Guarnerius dated 1632, brought \$850. The instruments formed part of a valuable collection which had belonged to a well known amateur, now dead. A seventeenth century guitar sold for \$400 and an Amati violin for \$700.

SMALL COINS.

The natives of the Malay Peninsula have in use the very smallest current coin in the world. It is a sort of wafer, made from the resinous juice of a tree, and is worth about one ten-thousandth of a penny. The smallest metal coin in circulation at the present day is the Portugese three-reis piece, worth twelve one-hundredths of a penny. The smallest coin circulating officially in any part of the British Empire is the five-millesima piece of Gibraltar, worth about half a farthing.

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On a rough average, 45,000 sovereigns pass over the Bank of England counters every day.

The smallest coin now current of Europe, and the one having the least value, is the Greek Llepton.

Lucien Klotz, a Parisian art expert and collector, has in his possession what is claimed to be an authentic autograph of the poet Tasso, appended to a writing, which translated into English reads: "I, the undersigned, acknowledge to have received from M. A. Levy, 25 livres, for which he retails in pledge a sword of my father, six shirts, four sheets and two tablecloths. March 2, 1570. Tasso."

SOLD \$10 for \$150.

Dr. George D. Case sold a gold piece valued at about \$10 for \$150 to a Macon, Ga., collector last Saturday. The coin was of the Dahlonega mintage of 1839 and really not coin of the realm. Only two of its kind are in existence, the other being the property of Julius Brown of Atlanta, Ga.

At Gottingen University is a Bible written upon palm leaves.

Bones and Relics of Strange Race Found

By Fred Whittemore

IMPORTANT DISCOVERIES ARE MADE NEAR DESMOINES, IOWA.

Mr. L. T. Van Hying and Fred Whittemore have completed the original investigation which they began several months ago into the relics and skeletons found in the ancient graves recently discovered near Des Moines, Iowa. All of the articles of the find are preserved and on exhibition in the museum of the historical department of Iowa. Among them are three skulls of human beings. We were asked to give a history of this extremely interesting find. The spot is on the A.A. Bennett farm, south east of the city on the Des Moines river and Brooks lake. Here, on a high bank overlooking the river, shaded by precipitous bluffs and hills we have a protected, secluded and fascinating place seductive to the red man. Here they could retire from their village, carry on their pursuits of the chase, fishing, trapping, domestic economies, simple as they were and lastly perform the ceremonies of the last sad rites. The latter of which they unmistakably did, as is convincingly proved by the fruits of our researches. Previous to our investigations, we are both glad and sorry to relate, the owner of the ground, in excavating for moulding sand, (the whole country for a few miles east and north is a pleistocene deposit, ranging from fine sand to coarse gravel our spot being the fine sand) discovered the graves, we were glad because they only could be discovered by accident as there were no external evidences, the ground being smooth and level. We were sorry, for the reason of the recklessness with which fourteen of the graves had been disturbed. After giving the place a casual survey, we engaged men and teams and began our operations by removing the sod. The excavation was an easy matter, the soil being a very fine compact sand, which scraped very readily without plowing. We had been informed that the bodies lay at a depth of between four and five feet, so we directed the excavations to about four feet deep not expecting to reach anything before that, but we soon began to find remains within about eighteen inches of the surface. We then worked with more caution. We are well satisfied that some things were scraped out unnoticed. We would scrape and dig with shovels very cautiously until some signs of a disturbance of the soil would be noticed, then generally the next thing would be decayed boards, and in this manner a grave would be discovered. Then the work proceeded entirely by hand, cautiously uncovering the remains. We noted the position of the skeleton, the relative distance from one another, the manner in which the accompanying paraphernalia was placed. The work of forming conclusions in some instances was very difficult, because of the very poor state of preservation. We discovered nine graves and fourteen were previously discovered by Mr. Bennett, the owner, making twenty three in all. These lay in two straight parallel lines, beginning at the southeast corner of Mr. Cammack's residence, extending south through the door yard, the lines being directly north and south, the graves lying at right angles to the lines and about six feet between them both ways. The skeletons when well enough preserved to show always laid flat on the back, the head to the west, legs extended and arms close by the side. Indications were constant that the bodies had been wrapped in blankets of different colors, made of coarsely woven wool, then the whole placed in a wooden box, nailed together with iron nails and deposited in the ground at a depth of from eighteen inches to four feet. In a few instances the blankets were well enough preserved that we were able to save about a dozen pieces as large as our hand. (To be continued.)



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DEAR MEMBERS.—I take pleasure in giving herewith a list of the officers elected for the coming year. Each officer by virtue of his office is a director of this club and a majority of the officers will be required to make any changes in the rules or managements of the club. Things are a little dull during the summer season but every member should take upon his shoulders the responsibility of making our club grow and help make it the best club of them all

2282. M. Ohlman, 19 East 98th St., New York City, Stamp and Post card dealer.

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2287. A. Minders, Bx 224, Aplington, Ia., Post cards, and entire covers.

2288. Fred Rothery, Rome Hotel, Omaha, Nebr., stamps and cards.

2289. C. J. Clegg, Walerville, Ont., Canada, Bx 64, stamps, coins.

2290. W. H. Clark, Liverpool, Eng., 21 Chermiside Rd., Aigburth; Postmarks, stamps.

2291. A. J. Fink, Dayton, Ohio, coins, curios—send for lists.

2292. P. Meril, 661 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Photographs, papers.

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2295. R. Gerpatcher, Grand Island, Nebr.; stamps, post cards.

2296. C. G. Alkire, Sterling, O., curios, stamps, coins, etc.

2297. Collector, Bx 15, Fairbanks, Alaska; post cards, all kinds.

The Journal of a Naturalist

By Charles P. Alexander

May 29, '09. Today the scientific organization of Fulton Co., N. Y., went up to Woodworth's Lake for the first time this year. Only two of the members were able to go, so this noon Harry W. Clute of Gloversville, and myself, took the Mountain Lake car, and set out for our destination.

Woodworth's Lake lies in the southern part of the township of Bleeker, about six miles north of Gloversville, and about three miles from Mountain Lake, by road. It lies on the summit of Mayfield, Mt., about 1600 feet above sea level, and is one of our finest mountain lakes.

We arrived at Mountain Lake about one o'clock. Our packs weighed over eighty pounds, which is quite heavy, when divided between two young fellows, to be carried over a rocky wood-road. I took the tent fly, the provisions and my blankets; Harry took the cooking utensils, his own possessions and our shot gun. Then we set out for the lake.

The day was beautiful; a hard rainfall had settled the dust and cooled the air nicely. We had just got fairly under way, and were on the opposite side of Mountain Lake, when I heard some new bird song in a neighboring thicket and had to investigate. I threw the pack aside and walked carefully into the bushes; a fine male Wilson's warbler, *Wilsonia pusilla*, Wilson; was the bird that had attracted my attention. The song is loud, sweet and moderately long, somewhat like a yellow warbler's, but more rollicking. This bird had left the vicinity of Johnstown, N. Y., a week previous. A Blue-headed vireo, *Lanivireo solitarius*, Wilson; several Black-throated Blue warblers, *Dendroica caerulescens* Gmd; and a few Myrtle warblers, *Dendroica coronata*, Linn., were amongst the birds observed here.

The wood road to the lake is not in the best condition, rocky in places; or swampy, with these places corduroyed with logs. This sort of road necessitated constant halts and rests. We were tired out when we finally arrived at the lake. Our camping site was on the opposite side of the lake so we had to go about one-half mile around, lugging our packs, and constantly stumbling and falling over fallen trees and roots. The camp site is on high ground at the east end of the lake. The spot where we pitched our tent was about twenty feet from the water and perhaps fifteen feet above the lake level. Two ice cold springs are on the lake shore only a hundred feet away. Some previous camper had made a frame of branches in the shape of a tent, so we had only to throw out tent-fly over this frame, when our dwelling was erected. Blackflies, *Simulium venustum*, Say, were very abundant and made life almost unbearable until sunset, when they all disappeared. The cutting of balsam twigs for a bed, was a difficult thing owing to the scarcity of low conifers in this vicinity. We got a few and then spread our blankets.

When the cheery fire was burning, and the food cooking, we forgot and forgave the hardships of the trail, and laughed and sang with hearts free from care. Only those who have encamped on lonely lakes and sat about the camp fire when the sun has set, and the deepening gloom overspreads the water, and the mists arise in the darkness, can realize the secret joy, and exultation that a lover of nature feels when he is alone with nature.

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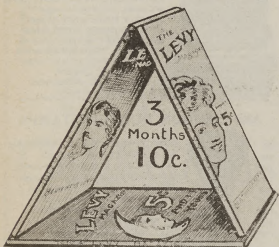
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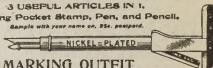
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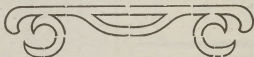
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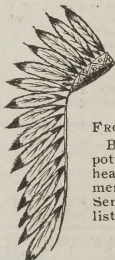
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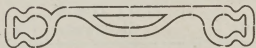
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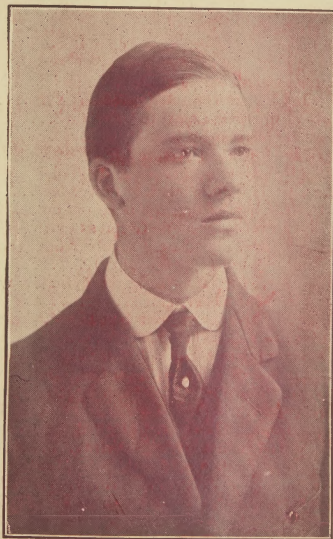
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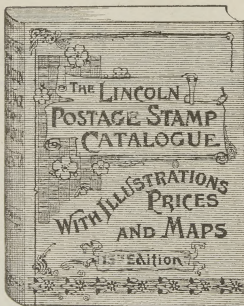
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
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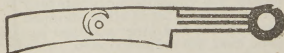
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" 3c blue	3c	" 5c brown	1c	" 3c purple "	6c
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51 4p yellow average copies	6.00	
52 2sh blue fine rev. C	2.75	
57-57a 1p rev cancelled	.08	.60
66-66a 1p with period	.20	
70 1sh lilac	.25	2.00
70 same rev cancelled	.12	1.00
74 2sh rev "	.50	
75 2sh 6p rev "	.50	
76 5sh rev "	.60	
77 10sh rev "	2.75	
79 2sh "	.40	
84 1p orange	.30	
85 2p blue	.35	
86 2sh rev cancelled	1.75	
89 ½p green	.10	
90 1p red		.20
91 2p blue		.20
92 2½ p red	.15	
93 3p brown	.20	
94 4p orange	.15	
95 6p green	.15	1.25
98 1p orange	.20	1.50
99 2p blue	.18	1.50
103 ½p green	.08	.70
104 1p orange 1000	\$1.25	.15
105 2p blue 1000	\$1.00	.15
106 5p brown	.25	
107 ½p green o g	.25	
109 1p orange	.0	.75
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117 4p yellow	.12	1.00
118 6p green	.12	1.00
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120 1sh lilac	.20	1.75
121 1p scarlet	.30	
121 1p scarlet unused o g	.85	
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112 2p blue unused o g	.45	
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123 5p brown	.15	1.40

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62 2p red	.45	
72 1p green		.15
73 2p orange		.15
78 3p green	1.75	
80 6p blue	.50	
80 6p blue pen C	.18	
81 2sh 6p rev C	1.0	
82 5sh rev C	1.00	
96 ½p brown	.15	
97 1p green		.10
98 2p orange		.10
99 2½ on 4p	.60	
104 ½p brown	.15	
105 1p green	.10	.60
106 2p orange		.10
107 2½p violet	.15	1.25
108 3p green	.18	1.50
109 4p violet	.15	1.35
110 5p purple	.18	1.50
111 6p blue	.18	
112a 1p green		.20
112b 9p lilac rose	2.00	
114 ½p green	.05	.40
115 1p red		.10
116 2p purple		.10
114 ½p green o g	.15	
118 1sh brown	2.50	
120 9p magenta	3.00	
121 3p olive	.40	
122 4p red	.45	
123 6p green	.50	
125 9p claret	1.10	
127 1sh brown	1.20	
246 2p orange	.15	
259 ½p brown	1.00	
262 2½ on 4p green	1.00	
264 5p on 6p brown	1.00	
264 ½p brown	.45	
267-78 1p and 2p mixed	.15	
275 ½p brown	.30	
278 2½p violet	1.25	
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MAX F. BIER, Manager of the Co-operative Exchange, Brooklyn, N. Y., has always been an ardent adherent of the Stamp Cult. He began as a collector in a small way and as he saw the possibilities of the Stamp Business, determined to try his fortune as a dealer. His early efforts were by no means too successful. He was not discouraged, tho, but forged ahead in spite of obstacles, always trying to find where the fault of failure lay and avoiding those mistakes in future operations. In 1905 he practically discontinued the retail banch of the business and devoted himself to the wholesale part, making a specialty of sending out wholesale consignments on approval to dealers. About this time he began holding the auction sales, which have become so popular. Mr. Bier also exchanges stamps on a large scale with dealers and collectors in all parts of the world. He is a member and officer of S. P. A. and many other Societies. He has an ad in the WEST.

COL. J. R. VERNON of Salem, Ohio, is a private collector of curios and a man whose life has been spent to a ripe old age traveling in the fire insurance business—a collector not for gain, but on account of his love for the curious and the old relics. The collection, his "Old Curiosity Shop," is on exhibition, filling several large rooms in the insurance building. Several years ago he catalogued the collection, the number at that time running up to 6,000. Since then he has almost doubled it, both in interest and in numbers. Probably the most

interesting part of the collection would be the old guns and the Indian collection. The gun collection is not so large in numbers (numbering seventy) but comprises almost every design found in any museum, dating from the "touch hole" and fuse periods down to the present time; no duplicates. The swords, bolos, kris, spears, knives, etc., from Spain, the Philippines, Porto Rico, Cuba, the plains and the Northwest probably cannot be surpassed in interest in this country. The Colonel states that in the gun or sporting line he thinks his stone cannon ball is about as interesting a relic as he has. This stone ball had been in a Philippine arsenal for 300 years—record and authenticity complete. The Indian collection alone now comprises over three thousand pieces, from a complete medicine man's outfit down to the smallest article of Indian manufacture, including bows and arrows, scalping knives, tomahawks, war clubs, axes, pestles, skinners, ornaments, scalps, clothing, moccasins, etc. Hiawatha, shown last month, is of the Colonel's own make. The Indian is life size and is made up of 485 perfect arrow heads of different colors. Clocks, watches, musical instruments, natural history objects, pewter, plate, pottery, bells, canes, pipes, pictures, books, including a Martin Luther Bible published in 1656, and innumerable hand made articles made during the time of the settlement of the country are part of the collection. For instance a hickory buggy spring, still in good condition made early in the last century. The Colonel is not a collector from a financial point of view, but purely from the love of it.—Taken from a New York paper.

EVAN V. EVANS, of Baize, B. H., Central Am., has a large collection of cards and takes pride in showing the great number he has received from card club members. He is open to exchange.

JOHN HOLZMANN was born in Newark, N. J., 1882, and started to collect coins and stamps at the age of fourteen years. His collection consists of coins, stamps, Indian and War relics, bird eggs, stones and minerals, sea shells and sea curios, transfers, hotel keys, horns and skins and curios. In fact he has eighteen collections in his den. He is employed as a traveling salesman and is getting ready for a trip through New York state and is always looking for something in the curio line. He is a member of the S. P. A. and Chief of the shell department in the Collectors' Union. He will always be pleased to answer any questions in this department for any members, in both societies. He received both the silver medal and several badges at the exposition held in Newark, N. J. He claims to have the largest collection of this kind in the state of New Jersey. He has also medicine and drugs in its natural state.

DESPISED PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

Why do so few collectors care to subscribe to a good stamp magazine or to buy a philatelic book? The general collector can get along without either if he has a good catalogue, but when his collection grows, beyond 2,000 for instance, he probably begins to study his stamps more. By and by he finds the stamps of certain countries more interesting and so he pays more attention to these. This is the beginning of the specialist. Presently he lays aside or sells the neglected stamps and collects only his favorites. Now other people have studied these stamps before and the magazines have published what they have written about them for your benefit, Mr. Collector. They tell you why these stamps were issued, how they were made, and other things you ought to know. Take my advice, subscribe to at least one philatelic magazine, and buy books on the stamps you are most interested in. The Publisher is glad to get manuscript and notes.

Expert Knowledge Was Worth \$5,000.

Through his intimate knowledge of United States postage stamps a New York collector was enabled the other day to make a quick profit of over \$5,000 on a small lot of envelopes bearing ordinary looking stamps to which the average person would have paid little attention.

The collector was passing the house of a man who handled curiosities of various kinds, when the dealer called him in to take a look at nine stamped envelopes. The dealer said he knew nothing about stamps, and would like to know what the collector would give for them. "One hundred dollars apiece, or \$900 for the lot of nine pieces," came the prompt reply from the collector.

"Oh, I don't want to stick you," said the dealer. I offered these identical stamps to a well known stamp dealer here in town for \$35 each and he replied he would give only \$25 apiece."

"Never you mind," said the collector, "the \$900 goes, and I am glad to have the chance." The envelopes or letters had been sent from Baltimore in the 40's. Five of them bore two stamps, while the other four had only a single stamp each. The letters were written before the United States adopted the adhesive postage stamp and at a time when the Postmaster of each large city issued his own stamps. The Postmaster of Baltimore at this time was James M. Buchanan.

Postmaster Buchanan issued 5 and 10 cent adhesive stamps and a series of 5 and 10 cent stamped envelopes. The stamps on the envelopes showed a large figure "5" or "10", surrounded by a circle. Above was the word "Paid", and above that the name of the Postmaster in full, "James M. Buchanan." This signature was placed upon each envelope with a hand stamp.

Two colors were used—red and blue—the stamps appearing on paper of different color. Sometimes, probably on account of the scarcity of the regular 10 cent stamp, two of the 5's were used on one envelope to make up the sum of ten cents. These were called compounds, and the collector in question in his lot of nine envelopes obtained five of these compounds, all of which are very rare. Of the 10 cent red stamped envelopes of straight denominations only two specimens are known to exist.

The collector had no difficulty in disposing of his stamps for \$5,000, and still has in his possession a specimen of the compound envelope, which is easily worth \$1,500.

From what can be learned, these early envelopes with hand-stamped signatures were issued in the latter part of the year 1845 for the first time. There is also on record a copy of the envelope with the autograph signature of Postmaster Buchanan.—Exchange.

GERMANY.

It seems quite likely that when Germany has the new issue of stamps again it will show a portrait of Emperor William. Germany to us in America is a single country, but as a matter of fact, the German Empire is composed of quite a collection of small empires and principalities, each of which has its reigning King and Court.

Decided opposition has come from these various rulers to a general issue of stamps for the German Empire and in 1900 they proposed that each State should issue its own stamps, which had been the custom prior to 1870.

This was strongly opposed and the idea prevailed to have a single issue of stamps for the whole empire which should bear the symbolical portrait of Germania.

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To members of this Association who receive unsolicited selections of stamps, with no return postage are requested to return same by express "COLLECT" and send name of firm to Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members. The trustees have resigned and in their stead Mr. Doak and myself will decide all matters that any member may complain of, or any suggestions made for the improvement of the society.

On account of Mr. Voorhees having changed his business relation and is too busy to attend to the Auction Dept., I herewith appoint Mr. Max Bier of Brooklyn, to fill this office. As Mr. Bier is a good man for recruiting and does the best he can for any society, Mr. Doak would like to have all members see that he keeps this office in future.

Very fraternally,

H. S. Powell, Pres.

Scranton Branch of S. P. A. held their first meeting June 29, at the residence of August Mack. Meeting called to order at 8:00 p. m., and adjourned at 10:30. Alex McKee was elected President, L. V. Cass Vice President, August Mack Sec-Treas. and Homer Peabody Librarian. Recruiting committee are as follows: Alex McKee, Wm. Dyer, Homer Peabody and L. V. Cass.

There was one new member taken in Mr. Oliver Arnold Jr., 17 N. Madison Ave., where next meeting will be held. Also had one prospective member as a visitor.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, JUNE 22, 1910.

81 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$2200.03
23 books received since, value	261.86
104 books value	\$2461.89
14 books retired during the month, of which the amount of 90.25 or 29 per cent was sold	314.58
90 books in circulation	\$2147.31

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand, as per last month's report	\$115.41
1 per cent from retired books	3.15
Total amount	\$118.56

One great fault with members, who patronize this Department as sellers is this: In many cases books sent in are priced too high to find good sales. Another one is that so many send in damaged stamps and for these there is no sale

at all. Please bear this in mind and when you send in books to be sold, don't price them nearly as high as the Catalog prices them. Dealers all over the world are selling stamps at large discounts, as high in some instances as 75 per cent, and from that to 10 per cent according to class of stamps. If members would price their stamps as low as dealers do, they would find sales a great deal better than now. I don't mean to say all stamps in Department are priced too high, not by any means,—but as this is our great fault and one reason why sales are not as large as some might wish, I only beg to call your attention to same.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent.

CHM'. REC. COM. REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—Our recruiting the last few months has not been up to its standard. Let's all get right in and go to work. It is true this is the dull season. But we must all get to work and land those non-members who only need a little urging to get them to join. I will do my best, will you?

This is the time when nominations are in order. Nominate men who have the best interests of the society at heart and those who have worked for us.

Hoping that our reports in the future will show many more applications, I remain,
Very fraternally, C. V. Webb.

REPORT OF EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT, June 4, 1910.

113 books received valued at	\$1301.98
89 " retired "	1120.49
24 " on hand "	181.49
Exchanges from books retired	\$263.76
Total exchanged to date.....	284.12

The above shows very good results when it is considered over \$300.00 of the books retired contained a class of stamps but little in demand.

I have received quite a few inquiries from my last report, but not what it should be. WAKE UP and GRASP YOUR OPPORTUNITY. I want good books and if you will supply them, results will amply justify your trouble. I am ready and willing to serve you.

Very respectfully,

Wm. E. Ault, Mgr. Exchange Dept.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Cash on hand M'ch 15th 1910.....	\$46.28
Received from all sources M'ch 15 to July 1st.	58.54
Total.....	\$104.82

EXPENDITURES.

To WEST April, May and June	\$9.97
To Express on blanks to Powell and Brodstone	1.50
To Printing Year Book, notices, cards, envelopes and 10,000 application blanks	50.98
To Telegram90
To Postage M'ch 15 to July 1st (including mailing Year Books).....	18.11
Total.....	\$81.46
Cash on hand July 1st.....	23.36
	\$104.82

Respectfully submitted, R. L. Doak, Treas.

SECRETARY'S REPORT,—Applications.

1. Grover Scroggin, Oak, Neb., banker, L. Brodstone; proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

2. Edward P. Biron, 1202 Mechanic St., Galveston, Tex., stamp dealer,

N. E. Leopold, Walter Hanscorn; proposed by Charles Roemer.

3. W. H. Wynne, 7222 Zimpel St., New Orleans, La., 25 C. C. Southern Pacific R. R. Co., Louis Cook. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

4. Grover C. Pirie, Graniteville, Vt., 22, farmer, Nelson Bedell, Mrs. A. C. Griffith. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

5. Rev. J. Hejing, Jr., Rhinelander, Wis. Ref., Brodstone.

6. Earling R. Garrison, Box C, Denison, Ia, 12, student, H. Wendt, T. J. Garrison. Proposed by H. Wendt.

7. Oliver Arnold, Jr., 1726 Madison Ave., Scranton, Pa., 35, vocal teacher; L. V. Cass, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.

8. Arthur R. Bearisley, 69 Washington St., Altoona, Pa., 27, Draftsman P. R. R. Co. P. H. Markley. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

9. Colie W. Roberts, Box 48, Amiston, Ala., 18, stenographer; Mrs. P. Roberts, H. L. Coate. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

10. S. B. Whitehead, Narragansett Pier, R. I.

REINSTATED.

330. Frank Bescher, Kansas City, Mo.

358. Dr. Oscar de Wanneick, Box 374, Dallas, Tex.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Herman A. Felder from Wilbur, Wash., to Toppenish, Wash.

J. N. S. Brewster Jr, from Lakewood to Box 6, Bay Head, N. J.

Dear Members:—Now that the warm days of summer are at hand let us keep up a steady pull for members. Let's keep the ball rolling. We are falling behind the average this month but let us try and retrieve this loss next month. How many can you add to the next report? Our supply of new blanks are out. You had better write for a supply and go to work at once. If there is any one who has failed to get his copy of the Year Book advise me and a copy will go forward at once.

Faternally,

R. L. Doak, Secretary.

It is quite refreshing to hear of a rush of stamp collectors anxious to buy stamps at double catalogue price. But as the Postum people advertise "there is a reason" and in this case it is not hard to find. Postage stamps are held throughout the world in large quantities and can except in the case of great rarities always be purchased at prices quoted in the catalogue moreover they can usually be bought at auctions at considerable deduction, but when we come to Match and Medicine stamps the case is different. There are no stocks on hand or is the catalogue even a fair index of values. No dealer has sufficient stock to be able to judge of comparative rarity except in a very crude way. There are two or three collectors who really know values but it is hardly to be expected that they will give away their valuable experience to be used against themselves, and this is the reason our publisher has been instructed to offer a beautiful collection of these desirable stamps as a whole at half catalogue or if it is not taken up in two weeks, to let amateurs take their pick at double list price for another week and then put the remainder on the market for what it will bring. This method has at least one advantage, it will do much to determine the true value of stamps of this class.—Philatelic Paper.

New Afghanistan Postcard. The Amir of Afghanitsan, on the suggestion of his brother Nasrullah Khau, has introduced 1 anna post cards into his State. They are ornamented with an elaborate floral border, and the instructions for use are in Persian script.

A Stamp Tidy and How to Make It

To collectors who do not care to go to the expense of made up stock books for holding their stamps, it may perhaps be of interest to give some particulars of a very easily made article that ought to prove of real use to stamp collectors, and particularly to beginners and those who use blank albums.

It is called a Stamp Tidy, because it is used to keep stamps in order until such time as they can be finally mounted in an album. The stamps should be quite ready for the album, with perhaps the possible exception of the hinges, and should be put in their proper order. The chief advantage of the arrangement is, that it can be seen at a glance what stamps may be missing to make up a set, and also whether a more recently acquired stamp is not more fit to take the place of one already there. Re-arrangement, etc., is much easier before the stamp is in the album.

Now for the method of making. The dimensions and sizes here given can, of course, be varied to suit individual tastes.

Each Tidy Sheet is made of either a whole sheet or a half sheet of what is known as type writing paper, quarto size, which measures 10 in. by 8 in. This will make up two convenient sizes of tidy. Paper of a thinnish nature should be chosen. Twenty or thirty sheets can be had for a few pence, and 240 sheets for about a shilling from any commercial stationer.

Take a piece of any handy paper and rule a line about eleven inches long. Carefully mark off spaces at intervals of $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. respectively all along the line. Put the $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. marks on one side of the line, the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. marks on the other. Lay the long edge of the typewriting paper along this line, and fold it at every $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. mark. There will then be five folds across the sheet (for a half sheet four folds). Flatten paper out, place edge again on the ruled line, turn it over, like the leaf of a book, so that it now lies on the other side of the line. Now fold at every $\frac{1}{2}$ in. mark. There will be four of these folds (for a half sheet, three). These folds will be in the opposite direction to the other folds. The spaces between the folds, particularly the $\frac{1}{2}$ in., should be as nearly parallel as possible. The sheet must now be folded down at the fold marks, when it will be seen to have five lines or pockets (half sheet, four lines.) As evidence that it has been properly folded, the sheet should now measure about $5\frac{3}{4}$ in. from top to bottom. The half sheet would be about $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. All that is now necessary to complete it is to seal down the two sides or ends. This is done with strips of ordinary stamp edging. Take two pieces a little longer than length of sheet, and fold down the center. Moisten one half, and apply to side of sheet. Then do the same to the other side with second piece. This operation has to be done most carefully and also fairly quickly, owing to the nature of the stamp edging. The back of the Tidy is now fastened. Moisten the remaining half of edging and bring it down on front. When dry, trim off superfluous ends with scissors.

Stamp edging is obtained at most Post Offices for the asking, but if possible, it would be better to get it from a friend who happens to buy his stamps by the whole sheet, as one does not want to trouble the Post Office people unnecessarily. A small tidy holds five ordinary size stamps in a row, a large one eight or nine. If desired, an extra half piece of stamp edging could be pasted down the center of a large tidy to add to its strength.

A set of sheets will last for years, and those who try them will see how useful they can be.—Postage Stamp of England.

A WORD FOR REPRINTS

By *L. G. Dorpat*

Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, No. 554, has the following somewhat sensational expression in regard to reprinting old issues of stamps:

We advocate the reprinting of the older issues, not only of Thurn and Taxis, but of all countries, and believe that it would be enormously beneficial to the hobby.

"By 'reprinting' we do not mean 'imitating,' but rather a natural continuation of printing. There is, in our opinion, no reason why a country or colony should cease printing an issue of stamps as long as there is a sale for it. It matters not whether the purchasers are the general public or stamp collectors. The case of Thurn and Taxis is typical of all; our opinion would be just the same were the country Great Britain, New Zealand, St. Lucia, or any other.

'FIRST ADVANTAGE TO THE HOBBY. All issues being still in course of printing and sale, forgery would be a far more serious offense and it is safe to predict would be absolutely stamped out, and at government instead of private expense.

"SECOND ADVANTAGE TO THE HOBBY. Countries would be less likely to produce unnecessary new issues, in order to withdraw them after a few days issue and sell the remainders at high price. There would in fact, be no market for remainders.

"THIRD ADVANTAGE TO THE HOBBY. It would be possible once more to form a fine general collection, albeit on simplified lines. This would serve as the frame work to which "issued varieties" could be added. The collection would have such a fine appearance that the enthusiasm of collectors would be redoubled.

"FOURTH ADVANTAGE TO THE HOBBY.

Specialists would benefit, as a considerable quantity of the older stamps now held up, unappreciated, in general collections, would be released and become available for study and the greater amount of "raw material" thus brought on the market would lead to increased demand rather than a fall in prices. Specialists could omit from their collections, if they wished, "posthumous" printings just as easily as most now do proofs and essays.

"It must be understood that we do not advocate the imitation of old watermarks, papers and perforations. To all intents and purposes the current 3d green, 5d green and 5 [- purple New South Wales are reprints such as we advocate. . . ."

There is undoubtedly a grain of truth in what the E. W. S. N. says, yet if a serious attack be made on its position we fear it would soon be overrun. Here in the U. S. we have a number of government reprints, but they were never very popular, and few will dare to say that their issue was or is beneficial, except, perhaps, as in regard to the first point made by the E. W. S. N., namely the counterfeiting of the same stamps by private parties. Our position, and we think that it is the position of the majority of collectors, is that ALL UNNECESSARY emissions, whether originals or reprints, are not entitled to much favor, especially not a few to the chagrin of the many.

Have you noticed that the general public does not look lightly upon stamp collecting nowadays? You hear conversation about stamps while on the street cars, at the opera, while walking on the street, and—oh everywhere! ! And wonder of wonders, you feel at liberty to go up and speak to anyone you hear talking about it.—Philadelphia Weekly Stamp News.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The 137th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society was held on May 24th at 8 p. m., in the club room of the Cabanne Library. The members present were Pres. Bain in the chair, Messrs. Boissellier, Chase, Collins, Cornwall, Eilers, Lansing, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Millhouse, Morgan, Myers, Ruedi, Schellhorn, and Schoeman.

The minutes of the 136th meeting were approved of as read. A communication from Mr. L. T. Brodstone was referred to the Secretary with instructions to attend to the matter referred to by Mr. Brodstone.

Three applications for membership were handed to the Board of Governors and the Board declared Messrs R. H. Eilers of 1710 Cora Ave., V. Lasing of 3004 Kossuth Ave., B. Loevy of 5049 Lansdowne Ave., all of St. Louis, full members of the Society.

A communication from the Chicago Philatelic Society was received informing the St. Louis society that the C. P. S. would be very pleased to lend the illustrated lecture on What Stamp Collecting Teaches to the St. Louis Society. This was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The Stamp Journal was added to the Society's library, thanks to the courtesy of the publisher. To wind up the evening some lots of stamps were auctioned off consisting mostly of well centered blocks of four of U. S. A. The prices realized were good; in two or three cases the bidding was very brisk. This wound up a very fine enjoyable evening. At 11 p. m. a motion for adjournment was in order. Next meeting on June 7, 1910.

F. Millhouse, Sec'y.

The 138th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on June 7, 1910, at 8 p. m. in the club room of the Cabanne Library. Pres. Bain being absent our ex-president, Mr. F. R. Cornwall was asked to occupy the chair and this request he complied with and needless to say he filled the position with dignity. Sixteen members were present: Messrs. Anschuetz, Chase, Collins, Diamant, Cornwall, Eilers, Kennedy, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Millhouse, Morgan, Myer, Ruedi, Schellhorn and Schoemann.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and approved, and communications from Messrs. V. E. Sisson, Heath and Brodstone. It was moved by Mr. Diamant and seconded by Mr. Mann that the secretary be empowered to answer the communications. Through the generosity of Mr. Bolbach the society's library has been enriched with the addition to its shelves of Dr. Chase's Notes on the Three Cent Stamp and Minor Varieties by Messrs. Grammel and Capen. For these two books the donor was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

After the formal business was ended the usual auction sale took place and this concluded Mr. Millhouse exhibited and talked on his collection of South Australian stamps. For this the members were pleased to award Mr. M. a rising vote of thanks.

This concluded the business and pleasure of the evening and 10 p. m. found the members wending their way homeward to meet again on June 21, 1910, in the usual meeting place.

F. Millhouse, Sec'y.

The King's Stamps

Stamp collectors all over the world have long been proud to know that they share their pleasure and study with King George V. The King is said to have been a stamp collector from his midshipman days in the *Bacchante*, and his travels have coincided very largely with his interest in postage stamp issues. As a collector his Majesty has chiefly interested himself in the stamps of the British Empire, of which he is now the proclaimed ruler. In his early days he shared his scientific study of philately with his uncle the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha, better remembered in England as the Duke of Edinburgh.

Although it is well known that his Majesty is a philatelist, it is perhaps not so popularly known that he has taken a very active interest in the affairs of collecting and of collectors. He has visited most of the great exhibitions of stamps held in London. The first in 1890 he would doubtless have visited but for the fact that on the very day that exhibition opened he was setting sail in the *Thrush*, the gunboat of which he was in command. In 1897 the then Duke and Duchess of York opened the London Philatelic Exhibition on July 22.

The following day the Duke in company with his late lamented father, then the Prince of Wales, paid a second visit to the exhibition; and yet a third one was paid by the present King before the exhibition closed.

The King also visited several later exhibitions, the last being the Imperial Stamp Exhibition held by the Junior Philatelic Society in Caxton Hill in March 1908.

As president of the Royal Philatelic Society, an office held by his Majesty since 1896, when he was Duke of York and the society had not yet attained the distinction of "Royal", his Majesty has frequently evinced his deep personal interest in all matters relating to stamp issues, and has on several occasions paid surprise visits to the regular meetings of the society on occasions when portions of his collections have been shown.

As to the contents of his important collections, these are very extensive.

In the stamps of Mauritius, which place, it will be remembered, his Majesty visited in the *Ophir*, he possesses the famous 1d. and 2d. "Post Office" stamps of 1847. The 2d. stamp he acquired at public auction for \$7,250 and the 1d. stamp came from the collection of the Earl of Kintore for \$4250.

The value of these two stamps is no considerably enhanced, a recent sale of similar stamps having produced still larger amounts. The Prince's 2d. Postoffice Mauritius is the finest known copy of the stamp. All through the postage stamp issues of Mauritius his Majesty's collection is particularly complete. A recent valuable addition to this collection is a block of five of the "Post Paid" stamps, including the rare error with the word "pence" spelt as "penoe".

Interesting items in connection with the stamps of his Mother-country in his Majesty's collection are the rough sketches made by Rowland Hill to show the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time of the introduction of adhesive postage stamps. His Majesty has also favored the philatelic world with an historical treatise on the stamps of the reign of King Edward VII., based on his valuable historical collection of essays (trial stamps) and printers' proofs. Canada, which has several times been visited by the King is well represented in his albums.

The West Indies too, have been the basis for an extensive series of specialized collections. The Barbadoes collection which was shown twice during 1908, once to the public visiting the Imperial Stamp Exhibition, and once shown privately to the Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society, contains all the varieties of

this part of the world.

It is difficult to convey in a concise description an idea of the thoroughness with which the various issues have been dealt without entering upon technical details. Among a great number of valuable specimens the most popularly appreciated stamps in this collection were the provisional issue of penny stamps made by bisecting 5s. stamps and overprinting each half with the new value "1d." The 1d. on half 5s. stamps was issued in March 1878, and is rare in the used condition, but vastly more rare unused.

Yet there are no fewer than a pair and two single copies (four in all) in the unused condition and five used pairs and a number of single used copies in the royal collection.

Hong-kong and Grenada are both represented in the royal collections, and have both been shown to the Fellows of the Royal Philatelic Society.

It should be explained that the gathering of data as well as the getting together of the specimens, and their arrangement as a collection on a scientific philatelic basis is a long process, and, while the majority of the British Dominions are included in the King's collection, it necessarily takes time to get them completed and arranged in such a manner that they will produce the greatest benefit to the study of philately.

Four years ago at an International Exhibition held in London his Majesty showed a set of stamps of the 1883 4 issue of Trinidad, overprinted in commemoration of his visit to Trinidad in 1891.

The British Guiana collection is strongest in the issues of that part of the King's Dominions between 1860 and 1882. The varieties of the provisional stamps of 1882 are shown in entire or reconstructed sheets.

His Majesty has taken a very practical interest in the issue of stamps in cases where he has been consulted. For instance, when in Canada he suggested to the authorities when they consulted him about the change of stamps, necessitated by the accession of King Edward, that they should have the die engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., the printers of the first British postage stamps. These were produced by the steel-plate process, perhaps somewhat more expensive, but infinitely more artistic than the stamps in use today. The result was that Canada adopted the suggestion, and has the distinction of having issued the most handsome portrait stamps of Edward VII.—London Mail.

MAGNIFYING GLASS.

The collector who studies his stamps will find that a good magnifying glass is a great convenience. After using one a little while it will become almost a necessity. Because of the small area of a postage stamp, the design is very much reduced in size. It is impossible for the unaided eye to appreciate the microscopic beauties of the pictures, portraits and emblems depicted.

A glass magnifying 8 to 10 "diameters" (using an optical term) is said to be best suited for collectors use. To get the greatest pleasure from a glass, it should be large enough to give a view of the whole stamp without moving it.

North Borneo. This is a territory composing the northern portion of the Island of Borneo. It is being governed by the British North Borneo Company, who have a charter from the British government for the development of the country. This company has issued two or three series of beautiful pictorial stamps for North Borneo, also the same designs surcharged for use in Labuan, a small island off the coast of Borneo.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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659. How can I tell Reprints from Originals? This question cannot be answered once for all cases. It is necessary to study both kinds of stamps, and that for every single variety. In some cases the difference is great, in others it is very small. In a general way you may be sure to have reprints whenever bright looking stamps, the originals of which are dear, are offered for a very low price. Ohrt's work on reprints, published in Germany and republished in English in England, will be helpful for any one going into the study. Without collections of both reprints and originals, Ohrt's work will, however, hardly suffice.

660. Who has the largest Collection of U. S. Stamps? I think it is Mr. Worthington, of Cleveland, Ohio. If any other collector thinks that he can rival that gentleman's collection, the best way to know, would be to compare the two collections.

661. Can you give any encouraging information about Postmarks? Look over past numbers of this department. There are many notes scattered in it relating to postmarks. Perhaps the most encouraging is that quite a number of collectors, especially in the old world, collect postmarks and pay some fancy prices for some of them. Collectors in our country interested in this line might become better acquainted with each other, if they would send me their addresses for publication. They might also form a society.

622. Stamp Societies in the United States.—Mr. Ross Rodgers of Temple, Texas, sends the following list and desires the readers of the WEST to help complete it where they find it deficient: 1. American Philatelic Society. 2. Southern Philatelic Association. 3. Kansas City Stamp Club. 4. Pennsylvania Philatelic Association. 5. Richmond County Philatelic Association. 6. Springfield Stamp Club. 7. United Service Philatelic Society. 8. Twin City Philatelic Society. 9. Michigan Philatelic Society. 10. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. 12. Metropolitan Philatelic Association. 13. Trenton Philatelic Society. 14. Kittingling Philatelic Society. 15. Stamp Collectors Protective Association of America. 16. Texas Philatelic Society. 18. New York Stamp Society. 19. Washington Philatelic Society. 20. New England Philatelic Association. 21. Rhode Island Philatelic Society. 22. U.S. Revenue Society. 23. Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. 24. Iowa Philatelic Society. 25. American Junior Philatelic Association. 26. Nebraska Philatelic Society. 27. Collectors Club of Hartford. 28. Denver Stamp Club. 29. Chicago Philatelic Society. 30. Boonton Collectors Association. 31. Philadelphia Stamp Club. 32. Dewitt Clinton Philatelic Society. 33. McKinley Philatelic Society. 34. Harrisburg Philatelic Society. 36. Moravian College Stamp Collectors Club. 37. Detroit Philatelic Society. 38. Quaker City Philatelic Society. 39. Philadelphia Exchange Society. 40. Gibraltar Philatelic Society. 41. Kansas Philatelic Society.

To make this list more complete and serviceable, it would be desirable to add the address of the Secretary of each.

625. Canadian Postal Cards in two colors. Mr. H. Menger of Berlin, Ger-

many, writes: "The 1c green is the official issue sold at the postoffice. The pink cards are sold in entire sheets of some 20 or 30 to large corporations, as the Canadian R. R. and the Canadian banks who put their own printing on them and have them cut at their printers. This applies to the King's heads as well as the Queen's heads."

662. Why are the Charity Stamps of Netherlands 1906 included in the postage stamp catalog? Because they are postage stamps, having the prepaying quality to the amount of their face value. They were sold at the postoffices as postage stamps and for the purpose of prepaying postage. But similarly as the Russian orphan stamps, they were not sold at their face value. They were sold at twice their face value, and the excess went into a charity fund for the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Amsterdam.

663. How can I know whether a stamp is watermarked or not? Sometimes you can see the watermark, if you hold the stamp between your eye and a light. In some stamps you can see it better by holding the stamp over a dark surface so that the light will fall on it slantingly. To make sure tho' if these trials fail you may use a "watermark finder" as sold by most stamp dealers. You may construct such a finder yourself in the following way: Take a piece of glass and lay it on a black surface, or if you can get it, a piece of black oilcloth, lay the stamp on it face down and put a few drops of 95 per cent alcohol or benzine (gasoline) on the back of the stamp. If it is on watermarked paper the watermark will show up almost instantly as the stamp becomes moistened by the fluid. Beware of fire, tho'! Benzine and alcohol are explosive!

664. Where can one get a cheap list of cities in the U. S., giving their population? The cheapest that I know of is Doan's Directory, which may be had for the asking from the Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. It is not complete, giving no cities below 1,000 inhabitants, and not all between 1,000 and 1,500. It may serve your purpose, tho'.

665. Who can give any information about the 2c Cuba, 1901 imperforate? Unless it be shown in unsevered pairs or blocks. I should consider it trimmed. Otherwise, it might be from an unfinished sheet that accidentally got into the hands of outsiders, or, which is also imaginable, it might be that it was issued imperforate for use in a stamp affixing machine. To make us believe the latter, it would be necessary to show some details about such issue. When, to whom, and in what quantity was it issued? Until these questions are answered, I would consider any single specimen as a trimmed copy.

666. How can one distinguish fiscal cancellations from postal cancellations? It is impossible to give a short rule that will work in all cases; yet it may be remembered that fiscal cancellations usually have some word, mark or sign that explains itself, as for instance the word "bank", while the postal cancellation most always bears the city name and date. Pen marks may be either, and the only way to make a correct distinction, is to study the post marks of the respective country. When marks are indistinct, or when a small fraction of the mark is visible, then even an expert may find it difficult or impossible to say which is which. There is often quite a difference in price.

667. Are there any Wrappers and Cards of the Argentine Republic? Yes, there are some 40 wrappers and about the same number of cards and letter cards. Most of them are quite cheap, with the exception of the official letter cards that range from \$2.00 to \$6.00 apiece. They are not very pretty, tho' not much worse than our U. S. cards etc

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

Herewith is a list of new issues taken from "Stempelmarkensamler," to which belongs the credit:

China—A series of fiscals for the Peking—Hankan railway.

Costa Rica—A set of 4 telegraph for 1909 and a set of 5 telegraph for 1910.

Cuba—A set of seven telegraph for 1910.

Equador—A series of older types with date 1909-1910 surcharge.

Germany: Empire—All foreign checks must pay a 10 pfennig tax. Stamp 10 pf green. Alsace Lorraine—40 pf appeared with wk. Bishenfeld:—22 new values, 10 pf. to 500 Ma. Mecklenburg-Schwerin—Watermarked paper. Prussia—Justice, a series of 5 values. Saxony—10 pf. to 500 M., 13 values. Saxony-Municipal—Chemnitz, Waldheim, Wehlen, Niedergorlitz. Wurtemberg—Mabelmesse.

Mexico—Of course a new series.

New South Wales—A series with the head of Edward VII.

Sweden—A new series of 18 values.

Switzerland: Aargau—Ankündigung 5 values. Aargau—Gebishrenstempel 9 values. Friburg—3 values. Wallis—6 values.

U. S.—Supposed to begin to use July 1, new smoking, snuff, cigar, cigarette, beer tax-paid.

Brazil—I got an Imp. 50 reis Importo do Vinos, 18x136 rose to report.

In last month's WEST I spoke of Austrian stamped sheets and I am glad to say that my idea, pertaining to the two kinds of printing was correct. Now the German name is Stempelbogen and these are divided in two classes. One is called Vorrat, which might be translated with a supply on hand and the second with Erfülling, which is supplied, whatever amount is needed when the document is made out, and has control numbers.

The oldest known are King Leopold I, year 1683, discontinued and then again started under Maria Theresa in 1762. 1803 under Franz I and so on.

It is not my intention to give a full list here. You will have to get the paper already mentioned above.

The 'Sammelspor' devotes its space to the fancy of those who are interested in commemorative exposition, celebration, hospital and other aid labels. Some of the 'Wehsschatz' labels are getting scarce. It brings a regular news report of all new labels of this class. It mentions those of Mexico, diff. German, and many others. It also announces a prospective new issue of Jubilee stamps for Austria. Another interesting fact to report is that the Government of Roumania has prohibited the cancelled to order stamps and stamps must be legitimately used from now on. I hope many other countries follow suit.

The Revista Postal Portuguesa hails from Portugal and brings it articles in French and Portuguese. An article interested me quite a little giving the estimated values of the jewels of stampdom. The Brit. Guiana 1 cent heads the list with 60,000 francs or \$12,000, being a regular issue with the 10c Baltimore 1848 at \$10,000. Hawaii 2 cents blue (newspaper) at \$7000, Alexandria 5c on blued paper \$4000, and France 1 fr. vermilion 1849 new only \$400, a few like Bridgeville, Emory, Helena, Marion, at the modest sum of \$500 each, and so on down to a list of 1000 which command only between \$100 to \$300 each.

The famous Tapling collection of postage stamps was bequeathed to the British Museum on April 11, 1891.

Investing in Stamps--By O Brick

The same as investing in property stocks, or anything else, money can be gained or lost by speculating in stamps. The prices of stamps do not fluctuate, however, during "hard times" as do stocks or property. This is due, perhaps, to the fact that many stamp collectors are of the wealthier class, not influenced by a panic or money stringency.

The most of us perhaps, collect stamps solely for the pleasure derived therefrom, and consider profit as a remote possibility. But there are others, who collect stamps ONLY for profit. These are not true philatelists, but mere speculators. It is a well known fact, however, that much can be gained in stamps, if properly invested in them. In 1901 Inverted Centre Pan Americans could be purchased at the Brooklyn post office at face value. The 1c is now worth 2500 times its face value, while the two cent has increased ten thousand times in value. The value of the 2c first issue of Canal Zone has increased 1000 times during the past decade and the 2sh, 6d, Queens head of Northern Niageria is worth a few score times as much as it was ten years ago.

Of course, there is also another side in the matter. Let's consider it from an opposite point of view. There are decreases in the catalog every year, caused mostly by sales of Government remainders or decrease in the demand by collectors. A remarkable decrease in price the past year was the Venezuela No. 148a which in Scotts 1909 catalog was priced at \$2.50 and in the 1910 catalog No. 148a priced a modest 10c. This stamp was, however, in the opinion of many, very highly overpriced, and could be purchased at five or ten cents. There were other smaller decreases, but they were outtripped by the increases.

The chief factor which makes prices shoot skyward is increase in demand, and the more collectors, the greater will be the demand. Therefore let us all work to fill in the ranks of collectors, and verify the motto which has been so wisely adopted by the Southern Philatelic Society, "In Union there is Strength."

In our last issue we wrote depreciatively of the many commemorative stamps lately issued in this country, yet we cannot ignore the fact that each of the new issues makes new collectors. How many of these will continue in the field we have no means of estimating, but one thing is certain, if one tenth of the new collectors continue for any extended period there will not be enough stamps to go round, except at such prices as will be prohibitive to the general community. During the last month an enormous demand has developed for all exhibition stamps, large enough to deplete the stocks of most dealers. This has been no surprise to our readers as we have been reiterating for the last twenty years that as general collecting becomes more difficult the stamps of our own country must advance in popularity and value. There is no better investment in the world than a fine uncanceled collection of United States stamps. Prices for the better class of these stamps are ridiculously low, while the lower priced unused stamps are not in the market and will not be until doubling the price brings out reserve stocks. Stamps must follow in the same path as coins have already passed over. No fine U. S. coins are to be had except on the breaking up of some old collection and the prices asked and obtained are simply marvelous. The writer bought a coin at auction for thirty-four dollars about twenty five years ago, ten years later it sold for one hundred and fifty, the same piece is held today at fifteen hundred dollars. We expect similar advances in stamps before long. Cultivated people want perfection and there will always be a limited number willing and able to pay for what they want. Stamps must decrease in quantity and depreciate in quality and while the army of stamp collectors is on the increase.—Metropolitan Philatelist.



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ACROSS THE POND

H. STANLEY



Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks *By W. H. C. of Liverpool*

Very recently I was looking over a large collection of postmarks and was much interested in noticing the many different designs that have been brought into use from time to time and I thought a rough description would not be out of place for the readers of the *PHILATELIC WEST*, for these different designs appear to be entirely lost sight of and many people simply look upon a postmark as an instrument of obliteration, devoid of any particular shape or form, for cancelling adhesive postage stamps on their letters when they have any.

To commence at the beginning you will find that many of the first postage stamps of Great Britain were neatly cancelled with a Maltese Cross, soon followed by the oval and circle for obliteration and receiving offices respectively and as time passed on the concentric ring made its appearance in all sizes followed by the triangle for newspaper and book post packages.

Many of the first French postmarks resembled a sunflower in design and if you look carefully at the stamps of Turkey I think you will easily find some specimens obliterated by a crescent moon arrangement and the stars as you are well aware figure very prominently in U. S. A. recent postmarks of the electric variety.

The British excess or late fee stamps and Belgium Parcel Post stamps are cancelled with diamond shaped obliterations, neat in appearance and the Sunday stamps of Belgium display squares and oblongs in great variety.

From the Orange Free State of twenty years ago, I have seen postage stamps that have been obliterated with a very fine coat of arms or heraldic device generally black on the yellow stamps and many missent letters in U. S. A. show a hand with index finger pointing to Return to Sender. All kinds of stars have been brought into use, seven pointed ones for U. S. A. to the beautiful eight pointed or arrow ended varieties of Brazil, and stripes we have without number.

Of dots and dashes, even in the postal department, we have any amount. The early stamps of France, Belgium and Russia are fairly in the front ranks. Brackets and garters may be found from Sicily and fringe nets from Saxony and Wurtemberg, even if made in Germany at that.

Parallel and perpendicular lines are all over the shop, so to speak, India, Brunswick, and U. S. A. having many to spare, while the early stamps of Hamburg are cancelled with zigzags, sand ripples, or shall I say a mustache design. Flags are exceedingly well represented, with Uncle Sam easily first, Germany, Canada and New Zealand bringing up the rear.

Very few countries bring in the crown, but many of the first electric cancel-

ling devices of Great Britain had such an ornament as centre piece and they may be found in different designs with large letters V. R. (Victoria Regina) and E. R. (Edward Regina) alongside—alas, both mother and son have gone over to the great majority, as all the civilized world too sadly knows. The sun, or old Sol appears on a cancelling stamp of Uruguay, also a very small crown on the postmarks from Alim and Sekundivia Gold Coast, but some of the designs hailing from Afghanistan. Native States and China, are veritable Chinese puzzles fearful to behold.

Many more examples might be given and we are pleased to note this last few years a very great improvement in postmark designing, but all should bear in mind that when the postoffice people cancel a postage stamp, they have no soul to save, it is simply a question of "Spoil" get it over as quick as possible, and for which they are not exactly to blame consequently, any new design pleasing in appearance, that is introduced into this sordid kind of business is greeted with enthusiasm by the many devotees to postmark collecting, which is simply the sister to stamp collecting if I may be pardoned for saying so.

Nearly every stamp collector is troubled at times with his duplicates, so every postmark collector stumbles across the cut round to shape specimen sooner or later, and I should like to say here, do not discard any good or rare specimens you may happen across but mount them carefully and neatly on a little square of paper slightly larger than the circle of the mark and you will find your damaged specimen is not so much damaged after all. Just try it.

Nothing comes out so well on a magic lantern screen as a postmark, and should you be lucky enough to attend an illustrated lecture on philately, watch out for the appearance of the stamps with postmarks and gather a live and learn wrinkle. The writer recently saw some capital postmarks screened at a lantern lecture at a Philatelic Society in Liverpool. (To be continued).

THE ROYAL CROWN OF HUNGARY.

If you will examine one of the postage stamps of Hungary, you will see a crown depicted as one of the emblems of the design.

This is the historical "St. Stephens crown," the royal crown of Hungary; first worn by a king in the year 591. It is also called the "iron crown," because of a thin band of iron which, it is asserted, is hidden in the gold. The iron band is said to have been made from a nail taken from the cross upon which the Christ was crucified.

The crown has a castle of its own with a garrison of soldiers and servants to guard it. On special occasions, the crown is exhibited to the common people, who regard it with awe and ignorant superstition, which might well be termed a form of barbaric worship.

A careful examination of the crown will show that the small cross that surmounts is bent to one side. The bolt which fastens the cross has become so badly worn that it allows the cross to roll in any direction. The officials are loth to make repairs, probably because of the age of the crown and its historical associations, and very possibly because any alterations might lessen or alienate the abject reverence of the people.

Blue Rose of Philately. The Mauritius "Post Office" stamp of 1847 is the Blue Rose of philately. There are, curiously enough, stamps which are rarer, but there are none which are so ardently desired by collectors,

Notes from Etwens Weekly

Mr. Astley Clerk writes thus in the Jamaica Times:

Disgusted.—“I have sold my collection and given up collecting stamps” was the unpleasant news I learned from the letter of a correspondent; and, I asked myself, as no doubt the reader will ask himself, what was the cause which occasioned this admission? As far as I can gather from the continuation of the letter, I would say my young friend attempted too much. Philately has reached such a pitch that it is simply ridiculous for one who is not a millionaire to attempt to generalize, he simply cannot obtain satisfaction—there are varieties in almost every country and the generalizer wants to get them all, and when he finds that his purse won't let him, he usually winds up by getting thoroughly disgusted and shelving his collection, or worse yet, selling out his entire lot, and parting, as well, with all interest in the matter, and it is to save this reverse that we find dealers like Lincoln, Bright & Son, and others, urging on collectors to collect on, what is called “simplified” lines, and I have no doubt that a good many are thereby saved from philatelic suicide. If my friend had been a reader of the current philatelic journals it is eight chances to twelve that today he would still be among the ranks of active philatelists—but if he had centered his attention, time and spare money on a certain country or group of countries and studied them, learning from the stamps all that they had to tell philatelically, historically, geographically, etc., about the country or countries, there is not the slightest doubt that he would be as enthusiastic about the matters today as I am. The trouble was, he attempted too much, failed to attain his desires, and grew disgusted, I trust the moral is obvious, reader, and that you will profit from it.

We fully agree with the remarks about not attempting too much, but no one who studies the stamps of a single country or group of countries is going to learn much about either history or geography. Let us suppose that one of the readers of the Jamaica Times follows Mr. Clerk's advice and specializes the stamps of Jamaica. Geographically, it is true, he will learn that Jamaica is a British Colony, but historically the current stamps will lead him to suppose that Queen Victoria is still Queen of the United Kingdom!

Stamp collecting is a grand educational medium, quite apart from the fact that it tends to give a live interest to such subjects as history and geography. But as soon as stamp collecting degenerates into a study of the details of manufacture of the stamps of a limited area, it is only educationally valuable in training the eye to be observant in the matter of small details.

The way geography is taught in schools is sometimes terrible. We have memories of learning masses of detail that could never be of the slightest use to us, whereas we were never taught to understand Bradshaw! There are plenty of school boys who could pass an average examination in geography and yet who could not name the quickest route from London to any of the chief continental cities. The school curriculum should include a course of Baedeker, Bradshaw and Stamp Collecting on simplified lines. It is a fact that at Calais the other day the Editor was asked by an American how many centimes made an English penny! He evidently was not a stamp collector. Most general collectors of any experience ought to have an excellent idea of the currencies of the world; the fact that half-penny, penny and twopence-halfpenny stamps are now printed in green, red and blue respectively helps toward this end.

While in the Standard Catalog the first issue of Gold Coast is in 1875 still Lagos which is practically a part of that country issued their first set stamps 1p to 1sh on April 29th, 1874.

Fads and Fancies

By Rev. A. Z. Myers

Every man ought to have some hobby aside from his business. If he is a man he has his business at heart; works at it long hours, thinks about it between times, too often when he ought to be sleeping, and often dreams of it when he is sleeping. A hobby will divert his attention effectively. It will cause him for a time to forget. It will rest, and nature will do the rest—recreate—hence recreation, the worn tissue and he will come back to his regular work with new interest.

There is a danger that he will learn to so love his hobby as to neglect business. This must be guarded against, for it will rob him of his real pleasure, injure him financially and prove his downfall.

The camera has proven a most delightful hobby and recreation with me. When tired to the limit with the vexations of the study—with thinking of parish problems, when exhausted with sermon preparation, and it is hard work, tho' most people who have never done it think of it and joke at our expense; a tramp with the camera, or even the more prosaic effort to take a picture of some children or something else for a consideration, for I do some of this work to pay expenses, or an hour printing pictures or other work in connection with it and I am rested.

This led to nature study as I never was interested before. And Oh, what a field! Above and below, around on every side, even indoors, for if you'll let a window open you will soon have plenty of company these summer days or nights; looking near or far, everywhere in the great world of nature there is beauty to him who sees.

Accompany your nature studies with your Bible and see how the God of revelation is also the God of nature and many of the problems of life are solved. Some will say, I have no camera. Well, one need not have a camera to study nature—but they will want one pretty badly if they get interested, for they will wish to keep some things.

In my own experience there is an interesting link between my nature study and filately. An ad in Guide to Nature, published at Sound Beach, Conn., and so far to me the most interesting Nature Study help calls my attention to the WEST, and a few copies helped the interest grow until I take a number of philatelic papers, and of course the interest in stamps grew.

I have been amused how every stamp collector wants to bloom out as a dealer. This everlasting American desire to make money grips every boy and before he knows it almost, he is worrying his brain and worrying others by his efforts at selling stamps. Well, even that will serve him some good as the training he will get is valuable. And what a crop of editors it is developing! Oh my!

The real pleasure in philately and in any of our fads and fancies is to keep them simply as a hobby to collect for the pleasure of collecting.

Another delightful pleasure is correspondents in nature study, exchanges of photos, prints of pictures, post cards etc. In the WEST I have found several interesting correspondents and would like about a dozen more.

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The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly uses fewer illustrations and approaches to somewhat our American weeklies in regard to news items and society reports. EWENS' WEEKLY STAMP NEWS is certainly one of the best, if not the best, reporters of new issues in the world. It frequently illustrates the stamps it lists and usually givs exact information and many particulars about stamps that are not found elsewhere. and it carries long lists of quotations on current stamps. For fixed special subscription it even undertakes to furnish its readers with current stamps at face value.

What gives superior value to British stamp journals, as compared with many of the journals of our own country, are the many illustrated articles that take up the stamps of a whole country and treat them in a thoro' and often scientific manner. The April number of the Stamp Lover may serve as an example. It contains three such articles, the Postage Stamps of Sarawak, The Post Cards of Great Britain, and Cayman Islands. It is true that the Stamp Lover excels many of its British contemporaries, but it is equally true that illustrated articles about stamps are the feature of most British stamp journals while in America at the present time we have few that dare to follow the same course.

The AMERICAN COIN, STAMP and POST CARD COLLECTOR of Beaver Springs, Pa., contains a number of interesting items and a list of post card collectors, but is rather poor in philatelic matter. Besides stamp advertisements there is little in it about stamps, or stamp collecting. The publisher intends to say more about stamps in the future, tho'. The price of ten cents a year is low enough, whether he does or not.

Our contemporaries are well filled with news and comments regarding the death of King Edward VII, and the accession of King George V. of Great Britain and Ireland. The latter under the title of Prince of Wales is pretty well known all the world over as an ardent philatelist, having a few years back bought that famous "Post Office Mauritius" of which so much has been said in the philatelic press. It is perhaps less well known that he is the designer of the current issue of Canadian stamps. Much is expected from him philatelically in the future. An early change in British stamps is, of course, to be expected, and some are even now speculating as to the probable value of some of the stamps with King Edward's portrait, which in time will be—as no one doubts—replaced by that of King George V. To many the thought of having a crowned head and ruling king in the philatelic rank is very gratifying.

The Literary Digest has an article on Sunday work of postal employees, showing that the men who do Uncle Sam's work in the mails are at a disadvantage as compared with most other government employees and other workmen generally who have at least one rest day every week, tho it may not always be Sunday. Tho the injustice seems apparent there is no practical remedy as yet in sight. Members of Congress must have their franking privilege, the other Government Departments must have the free use of the mails, and the annual deficit must be kept

down, so there seems to be no other way than to get it out of the postal clerks.

The Empire Philatelist of N. Y., if the following news is true, deserves credit for furnishing it ahead of most of its contemporaries, to wit:

"The Bureau of Engraving and Printing have prepared new dies for the 1c and 2c stamps of the present issue. They will bear the numerals '1' and '2.'"

That there is something going on at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, there can be no doubt. There is the expected new 12c, the changed 10c and 15c, and a few other things of which some rumor is going about. The Bureau seems to keep its secrets pretty close tho, and it is difficult to obtain any exact information ahead of the time when accomplished facts are made public generally.

The STAMP WORLD of Epes, Alabama, has in its third number made an admirable step forward. It contains 64 pages and covers and offers many items of interest. One of its features is the Philatelic Literature Department, in which it says: "Any of our readers having papers or books which they would like to exchange may have them listed in the Exchange Department free of charge." "We will print without charge a list of papers, books, catalogs, etc., wanted by any of our readers." We should not be surprised if the result of this generous offer would be, to make the next number of the STAMP WORLD to contain 128 pages instead of 64. As most every collector has or wants something in this line, it will be interesting to watch for the outcome.

No. 11 of the Melville Stamp Books has just been received. It treats the United States stamps of 1894 to 1910, and is fully illustrated, a feature that will make valuable to U. S. collectors. We have not had the time to read all in the book at this writing, but from what we know of the Melville Stamp Books generally and from what we can see at a glance we draw the conclusion that this number is one of the most desirable yet issued. It contains a number of views taken of the interior of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, giving a better idea of how the U. S. stamps are made. The price of six pence is ridiculously low!

"CHUNG CHOON HUI" means, as we learn from Kon & Co's Post Card Exch., "The Chinese Recreation Club." A club of this name consists of Chinese born in the Straits Settlement and was founded in November 1909 at Malacca Straits Settlements. Tan Jiak Peng is the president. They have a club house on the Bunga Raya. Thus we see that in the far East they have clubs and club houses and esek recreation as well as do the people in the West. Undoubtedly there are some stamp collectors among the members, stamp collecting being pretty well known in the East.

Marked Stamps. The stamps of some European countries and also of countries outside of Europe are found with letters and names punched in them. Beginners are puzzled and unable to determine the use of these stamps or the object in so treating them. The letters are merely the initials or name of the firm or person on whose mail the stamps are used. Permission is, I believe, obtained from the post office officials and the object is to prevent dishonest use on private mail by employes and others. The same regulation in a more liberal form exists in India. It is said that native servants have nimble fingers in removing stamps from mail, on the way to the postoffice. The senders render the stamps worthless by writing his name on them.

Every stamp in Great Britain and Ireland does not contain a portrait of King Edward. There is an interesting one which bears the likeness of a member of the canine creation. This is affixed to dog licenses in Ireland,

Unrecognized Values--By Rev. A. Z. Myers

How many things that one would value are thrown out and destroyed by others. In many a garret are moulding stamps every philatelist would be happy to pour over. Many a waste basket contains real treasures and what havoc the bonfire is making of little bits of paper I and others of my ilk covet. Only the other day one of the boys of my club saw another boy burn up a lot of stuff in an office waste basket and among it there were a lot of I. R. stamps. Knowing my appreciation for stamps he managed to get some of them out of the fire and bring them to me.

This is true not only in regard to stamps but many other things. One of the advantages that comes thru' philately or collecting of any kind is its educating to the habit of observation, of thinking, of taking notice of things.

This is in itself a liberal education. When I was a boy they told me never to pass a pin, that a boy asked for a job was turned down, and going out of the office stooped to pick up a pin and the head of the firm was so impressed that he called him back, employed him, and he became wealthy. I have picked up pins ever since, and usually have some in my coat when my wife or some one else happens to need a pin, but I have never gotten wealthy. The habit of taking note of little things has however served me excellently and brought much pleasure.

After all our life is made up largely of the littles. It is the little things in our life that consume our time, that waste our substance and make or marr our happiness. It is the little things in the home that make home homelike. It is the little leaks in business that eat up the profits. The person who learns to see values will not make the mistake of allowing these littles to crowd out larger things, but there will be little value for larger things that does not know the value of small things.

Believing the above so thoroughly, I see new values in collecting every day. The educational value of stamps especially makes this hobby that is still looked upon by many as a boyish affair, of far more value than anyone has yet dreamed. Some of the large stamp dealers are doing some really valuable work along this line. Everyone who is collecting, writing, buying, selling, publishing, is doing something.

EXTENDING THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOVE OF STAMPS.

It has always seemed to me that it is one of the first duties of a journal that aims to serve the best interests of any cult or hobby, to devote a good deal of its attention to the extension of the popularity of the subject. In the case of stamps there is plenty of room for a much vaster army of stamp collectors, and plenty of stamps to go round. I often wonder that the trade does not adopt methods of advertising philately to a greater extent than is at present done. There are many ways of informing the great outside public that there is more in our hobby than is dreamed of in their indifference. And so I welcome the coming formation of a Postage Stamp League which will undertake much of the work of promoting knowledge of stamps and bringing new recruits to the pursuit. I sometimes think that in some parts there are societies enough and to spare, but in this case the objects outlined seem to indicate that primarily the aim of the new League is to assist existing societies to attain their object in ways which have hitherto been costly necessitating the expense of preparing lantern slides and printing literature, which smaller societies can ill afford. When the League has built up its library of lantern slides, which I understand is part of the plan, it will be possible for popular lectures to be given under the auspices of any society without much, if any, expenditure.—Postage Stamp.

Philatelists of Today

MR. FRED W. EDWARDS.

To Mr. Edwards a double distinction belongs. He introduced Philately to Swadlincote and Swadlincote to philatelists. Many of us, until a couple of years ago, were unaware that such a place existed, and in the ordinary course of events its fame might never have reached us. But the year 1908 brought into being the Swadlincote Stamp Society—now known by the more resounding title of Swadlincote Philatelic Society—and within a very short time the name of Mr. Edwards' village or town became known throughout the English-speaking philatelic world as one of those spots on the earth's surface where the cult of the stamp is practiced and appreciated.

Mr. Fred Edwards was the founder of the Swadlincote Society. As Hon. Secretary he worked for its welfare with its characteristic enthusiasm and energy, and though we only knew Swadlincote vaguely as a small place "near Burton-on-Trent," yet we quickly came to look upon it as a philatelic center in the best sense of the term. Mr. Edwards is now President of the Society.

Mr. Edwards is too young to have reminiscences. He is as a matter of fact well on the sunny side of thirty. He confessed that he was first lured into Philately by the charms of an unused Labuan of the Stags Head type. That was in his school days, when he and two fellow philatelists formed a sort of syndicate for collection and exchange. Sometimes (so keen were the philatelic three) they would not wait for the luncheon hour, but would enter into exchange relations during class, and it often happened that an eagle-eyed master came around to do a little "collecting" on his own account!

Mr. Edwards has remained faithful to the hobby of his schooldays. Having accumulated a fairly good all round collection, he formed the idea of making his album fully representative of all stamp issuing places, whether nations, provinces, districts or municipalities. In a word he interested himself in "Locals" as well as national issues, and by writing and speaking on the subject he has identified himself with his neglected branch of the hobby. Readers of the *Fortnightly* will recollect Mr. Edwards' paper entitled "A Scheme of Stamp Collecting" wherein he embodied his ideas as to the compilation of a collection which would be representative of the whole world's postal issues in the widest sense of the term. More recently he has written specially on the subject of the German municipal and district posts. It says much for his thoroughness that he perfected himself in the French and German languages in order to be able to study the continental philatelic literature bearing upon his favorite subject!

In addition to being a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, Mr. Edwards can boast the "F. C. S.," having been elected to the Fellowship of the Chemical Society last year in recognition of a series of examination successes and his literary work in connection with radium and photochemistry.

Mr. Edwards is a keen photographer and has written extensively on the subject; and he has a number of other recreations, including chess, cycling and swimming.

We wonder if as the result of the present Post Office Department agitation we will get issued another set of department stamps. It is almost recommended and then each department will have to pay their share of the postage as used by them. Anyway it seems about time they put this department on a business footing.

Paraguay issued their first postage stamps on April 5th, 1870.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

Franklin's head has always appeared on the lowest values of our stamps excepting the commemoratives.

Mrs. Harrison selected the photograph which was copied for the 1902 13c.

Columbus is shown on the 1892 issue 1c blue with a beardless face, while on

the 2c stamp he is decorated with a full beard (the time between the two events being twelve hours)?

The grille applied to the issues of 1867-1869 was the invention of a Brooklyn man, Chas. F. Steel.

The change from blue to orange in the special delivery in 1893 was caused by the similarity of the blue special to the 1c Columbian.

The 1862 2c black (Jackson) was made from a recut tobacco stamp.

It was the intention of the postoffice department to issue the Omaha set in two colors.

Following the assassination of President Garfield, it was planned to issue the stamp bearing his portrait (1882) in black.

Indications multiply, market-wise, that Canada is a "coming" country. For some unexplainable reason the stamps of this largest and most important British Colony have not shared to any extent in past British Colonial "booms." The wonderful industrial development of our northern sister has, however, not only attracted the recent attention of foreign collectors, but has largely increased the number of philatelists within her home borders, these naturally making Canadian stamps their favorites.

Discussion has already started in England as to the how and when of the coming King George stamps. Regarding the "when", some months and possibly a year or two, will elapse before we have stamps with the new sovereign's head. As to the "how" a cry for more "art" has already arisen in the English Press. Having seen what "art" has done for the good old stamps of France and Switzerland, we tremble.

All the current U. S. stamps printed on bluish paper, from 1c to 15c are now said to have been found in at least single copies, with the exception of the 4c and 8c values.

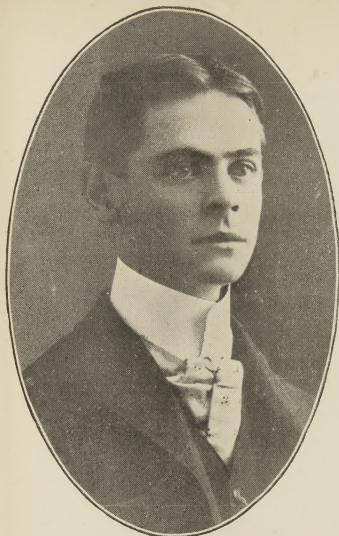
Our attention has been called to the existence of the 2c U. S. 1893. Columbian issue which caps on the figure "2" the same as our numbers 220a, etc. Although these plate varieties are no longer catalogued, they are worth mentioning for collectors who like to hunt for interesting things of this character.

A good test for bluish rag experimental paper other than the color test, is to hold the stamp to the light the watermark is plainly visible and distinguishable without the aid of a benzine cup.

To distinguish the engraved set of 1887 from the lithographed of 1868: In the engraved stamps of Guatemala, the first six lines of the background at the top of the stamp are heavier.

There are two var. U.S. postal card 1910, one with lined background and one without.

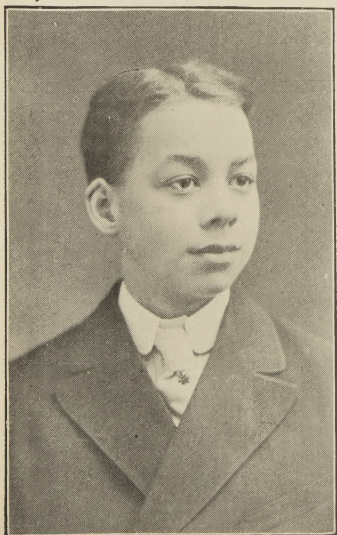
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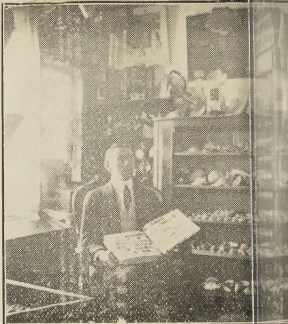
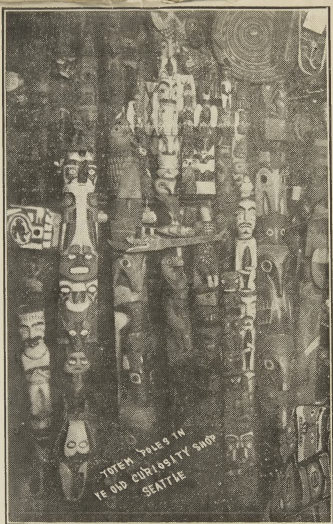


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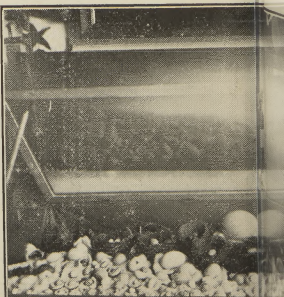
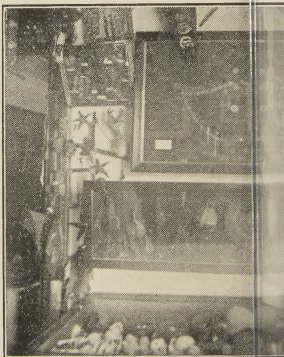
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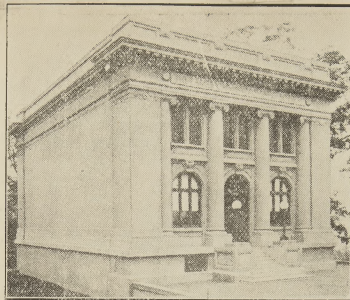
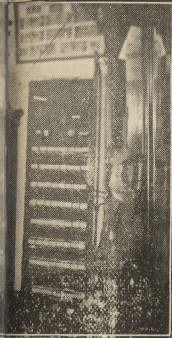




John Holzman, Newark, N.J., with
of his large collection

Another Collection of John Holzman



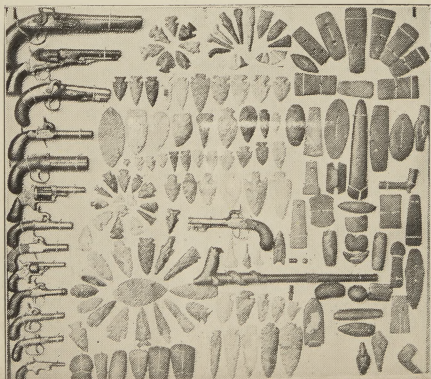
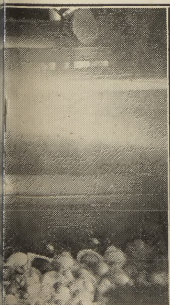


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Button Collection of Lile Reich, Willow City, N. D.
Collection of J. B. Hoffman, Lima, Ohio.





J. R. VERNON, Salem, Ohio





PHILOCARTY



Are View Cards an Aid to Philately?

By Carroll A. Pitkin

My answer to the above, is that they certainly are. I have no hesitation in saying that during the past few years the ranks of philatelists have been more strengthened from this source, than in any other way. I have carefully observed the course taken by a number of view card collectors, who are now enthusiastic stamp collectors, and can safely say that the latter is due to the former. I have enjoyed at an earlier stage of the view card craze, exchange and correspondence with a great many collectors. Many of these became tired of the hobby, and gave it up. And a number, I can say a dozen at least, have turned from the cards, to the more scientific stamp collection.

Now I do not wish to depreciate the collection of cards. In fact, I am now collecting cards mailed from foreign countries with interest, and only regret I have not more foreign exchanges. However, my appreciation for the domestic card, unless it be exceptional, has terminated. At best, it is simply a matter of possession whereby, when the card is received, it is placed in the album, and no further attention is paid to it. No study need be made of it; it is not watermarked, and the perforation doesn't require attention. And it doesn't necessarily come from the place illustrated for a pretty card of the Argentine may have been printed in the United States, and the "Capitol at Washington" was perhaps "Printed in Germany" and mailed in Texas. And the pecuniary side is missing too, as a card collection may be safely valued at nil, if a cash disposal is ever desired.

But to return. After a period of gathering these paste boards, usually very brief, the collector finds that there is something lacking. His interest in the album begins to diminish, and he looks for a more inviting field toward which to direct his energies. About this time he receives another card mailed from a foreign post office; indeed it may be the first he has ever so received, and bearing a curious postage stamp. He glances at the card, and then at the stamp attached. Then he looks at the stamp very carefully, thoughtfully studying it, and ends the

inspection by wishing to see another. The germ of Philately has started.

He looks everywhere for addresses of foreign correspondents, and mails cards to all he can secure. The replies are slow in coming in, and very disappointing, for he finds that most of the addresses must have been wrong or the collector must have died, or something, as they fail to answer. But he has secured a few more stamps, and in showing the cards, he calls special attention to the stamps. Now the stamp may be, and usually is, far more interesting than the card, and certainly is better executed. And the failure of the foreign people has disgusted him still more. But the stamp—just another look. Lucky is the stamp dealer whose advertisement he notices first, for the starting of a new collector is under way, and will result in good business. Without the collector realizing the process, unconsciously, the stamp has beaten out the card.

And the friend to whom, in displaying the cards, attention was drawn to the stamp is also very likely to catch the spirit of the new delight, and will soon be purchasing his first album and stamps. There is a saying, "Once a collector, always a collector," which is true, and there usually might be added, "Where one collector was, two now are."

EXHIBITION OF FANS.

A collection of fans, illustrating a paper read by Miss Falcke before the Applied Art Section of the Society of Arts, was formed by the society and exhibited at their premises, in London. The examples were sent by many private collectors and public institutions, including South Kensington Museum. But though the collection illustrated the fan making of various countries and periods it was far from being comprehensive or adequately representative of the subject. The dainty art associated with the making of fans has a wide range, from China, where if it did not actually originate, it certainly met with unsurpassed elaboration in the minute ivory carving of the handles, through India, Japan, and various countries of Asia, which have associated certain mysterious rites and symbols with the use of the fan, and on to Europe, where it was introduced in very early days, and was made a subject of rich and luxurious ornamentation, especially in the Italy of the Renaissance and in the England of Elizabeth, a period when fans were carried by men as well as women.

The present exhibition, though only of minor historical importance, for it contained no examples earlier than the Seventeenth Century was yet of considerable interest as an object lesson in the dainty workmanship, the highly finished designs, and the variety of materials that have been applied to the enrichments of fans, notably in France under Louis XV and XVI. Some of the specimens, moreover, have an artistic and historical significance, and illustrate the manners of their time in a manner that makes them additionally attractive. For instance there was a French fan of the period of the battle of Malplaquet, decorated on one side with vignettes of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, while on the other is "is printed the song, "Malbrouk s'en va-t-engageur." There were several bearing dainty pictures of fetes, and similar fanciful scenes after the manner of Lancret, Watteau, and other typical French artists of the Eighteenth Century, who succeeded in conveying the frivolous spirit of their time. Spain is essentially the land of fans, and, among the examples from that country, were some that illustrated the prevalent practice of decorating the leaves with scenes from the bull fighting arena. Among the English fans of the Eighteenth Century was a noteworthy example adorned with a colored Bartolozzi engraving. Japanese fans simply decorated in delicate tints, Chinese fans remarkable for the wonderful finesse of their ivory carvings, or their curious lacquer work.—English Paper.

A Kolumn for Kansas Collectors

By George J. Remsburg

H. L. Stein, of the Rebekah Odd Fellows Home near Manhattan, Kans., writes us that he lately spent considerable time in examining the bluffs of the Kansas river in that vicinity and found several Indian mounds, some of which had likely been disturbed and others yet intact. Thus far he has not attempted to open any of them. Mr. Stein says that years ago when he had occasion to travel through many counties of Kansas, he observed numerous Indian mounds. Of these he recalls some on Wolf river in, Doniphan county, on several creeks on Nemaha, Washington, Marshall and continuing on into the counties of the Northwestern part of the state. In the southern tier of counties, especially in Barton county, and on the Rattlesnake creek, in Stafford county, he secured quite a number of relics. In Reno county and on Cow creek in Clark county, were good collecting fields. Mr. Stien has always been an enthusiastic and intelligent student of natural history, archaeology, geology, etc., has traveled extensively and made interesting collections.

L.G. Cline of Hutchinson, has an interesting and instructive collection which comprises theater programs, photos of plays and players, both old and recent, and also biographical and historical data concerning the stage. His oldest play dates back to 1816.

Victor E. Olson of Assaria, Ks., recently found a silver coin dated 1382, in a pasture near that place. It might have been lost by Coronado and his followers when they passed through Saline county in 1541.

Recently a coin, or what was supposed to be a coin, was found at Salina of the date of 1863, bearing on one side the inscription, "The Flag of Our Union," and on the other side the motto, "If Anyone Tears It Down, Let Him Be Shot on the Spot." In a wreath in the middle is the word "Dix." A good deal of controversy has been going on over the find, and it was generally thought that it is a 1-cent coin. C. L. Keagy of Beloit, tells of the inscription and probable origin of the coin: "In the interest of accuracy, the writer will call attention to the fact that John A. Dix, who was United States senator from New York before the war, and was secretary of the treasury under President Buchanan in 1861, while he was secretary of the treasury, ordered two revenue cutters that were at New Orleans to New York. The captain of one refused to obey his order and Dix telegraphed to put him under arrest, adding the statement which made him famous, 'If anyone attempts to haul down the American flag shoot him on the spot.' Upon the outbreak of the war John A. Dix was appointed president of the Union defense committee, and organized sixteen regiments. He was commissioned a major general of volunteers, and it was through his active measures that Maryland was saved to the Union. After the war, in 1872, he was elected governor of New York, but was defeated for a renomination in 1874. He died in 1879, in New York City. The writer has never seen any of the alleged coins referred to, but in all probability they are not coins at all, but medals struck either with or without the authority of congress to commemorate the active work of John A. Dix in raising troops and arousing the interest of the country in putting down the rebellion.

We are pleased to note the interest that Kansas collectors are beginning to take in this department and appreciate the notes they are sending us for publication herein. Outsiders, in other states, have likewise manifested an interest in our, "Kolumn." Let the good work go on. Whenever you have any notes of interest let us have them.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUE FIRE ARMS

—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELLSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning old fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PISTOLS OF ANTIQUITY.—By G. E. B.

In these descriptive sketches I wish to describe some of the rarest, most remarkable and oddest pistols now in the several large collections of antique fire-arms in American Museums. The study of antique fire-arms is most easily and delightfully pursued when the student has the actual gun or pistol in his hands or before his eyes; but to the most of us this is impossible, so to become acquainted with, I might say, the masterpieces of ancient arms we must be satisfied with seeing them reproduced on photographic plates and in metal type.

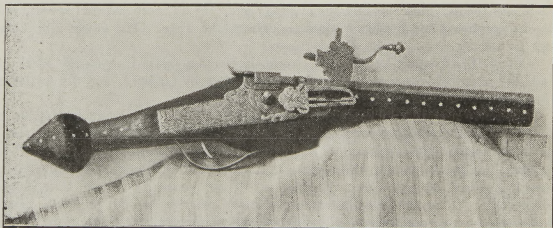


Plate No. I illustrates a very rare and beautiful specimen of the Wheel-lock pistols, invented at Nuremburg about 1517. This is one of the most ancient models, and besides its value as an ancient fire-arm it also exhibits a splendid example of the superior art of a sixteenth century engraver by a forest scene ornamenting the lock plate. Deers fleeing before a pack of hounds and a man dressed in the quaint old time fashion are perfectly etched on the beautiful old lock, while the dark hardwood stock is profusely ornamented by inlaid ivory and mother-of-pearl. This pistol is in splendid working order and in fine condition. The method of firing is known to most collectors but I will describe how this one works: The charge of powder and ball is inserted at the muzzle, the flash pan filled with priming powder, a piece of pyrites is screwed into the jaws of the cock and this is pulled over until the pyrites press against the projections of the wheel. The wheel previously wound up by a huge key, is put in motion by pulling the trigger. The friction produced generates no less than one hundred sparks in this particular pistol which is quite a show when operated in a dark place. The sparks ignite the priming powder and the charge within the barrel.

Plate No. II illustrates one of the oldest pepper box pistols in existence.

Three revolving barrels of pebbled bronze whose charges are fired by a very rare lock makes this pistol attract attention among hundreds.

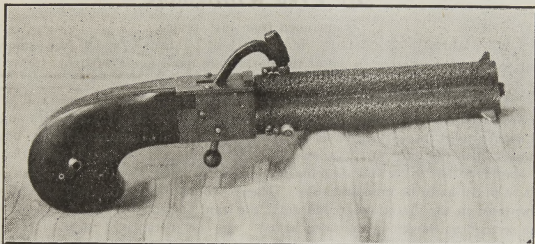
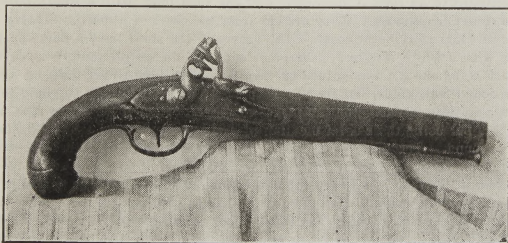


Plate No III. This pistol will be quickly recognized by the few who have one like it, as the first U. S. government pistol. No government fire-arm is so rare, so valuable, or so eagerly sought for as this so-called "North's Berlin." The government awarded the first contract for 500 pistols to Simeon North in 1813.



On the lock plate is stamped in three lines, "S. NORTH, BERLIN, CONN." And between the hammer and the flash pan is an eagle with half raised wings, under which is stamped "U. STATES."

(These sketches will be continued next month.)

NOTE. The fire-arms mentioned above are in the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh, Pa., among the large collection of Mr. Otho J. Bierly, President of the "American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors."

Big Sale of Pattern Coins. A notable sale of pattern coins belonging to the famous Stroehlin collection is going on in London, attracting a large number of collectors, dealers and numismatic experts. The collection includes coins made for all the continental, Asiatic, African and South American countries, and presents a bewildering variety in all kinds of metals, from gold to tin. The sale is regarded as probably the most important of its kind ever held.

Bones and Relics of Strange Race Found

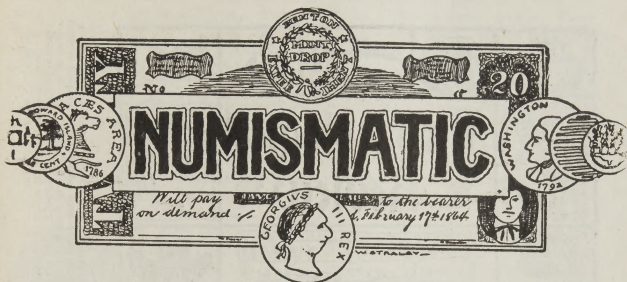
By Fred Whittemore

(Continued from last issue).

We could also occasionally find a piece of lumber of about "the same" size that would hold together; some of the nails were hand made wrought iron, while the rest were of machine cut, both common and finish.

The lumber used in making the boxes was apparently about one and a half inches thick, but too much decayed to determine the species of wood with analysis. In some graves the only thing remaining would be an imprint of the box and blanket upon the hard soil bottom. These imprints were a reduction of the box, at least one foot thick and its remains reduced to layer less than an inch thick, but so plain as to be unmistakable. These would be discovered by following downward in the disturbed ground until the hard bottom was reached. The bottom seemed as though it had been baked. In one instance of these imprints we found a number of beads in the fine dusty remains. The glass beads were of an indestructible nature, but are all the more convincing proof of a burial. Glass beads of several styles were found, always at the neck. Shell wampum was with two skeletons one of them having painted wampum, the red paint on the shell being well preserved. This shell wampum is a production of their own art, and was their money. A single piece of it may be described as a tube about three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, and one inch long, with a small hole through the center lengthwise. They are cut from the shell of a marine bivalve mollusk, edible clam of the east coast. The valves of the shell have a dark purple margin with a white interior. The piece cut from the purple margin is called their black wampum and was valued by them at about three times that of the white. We found both kinds, but far the greater part was the white. The hole through the wampum was for stringing the pieces together. Then it was worn the same as beads, but being their chief medium of exchange. Several tubular beads of shell were found. These are about two or three eighths of an inch in diameter in center of the tube, slightly tapering to the ends, ranging from one and a half to four inches in length. These are cut from the columella of marine univalve mollusks generally from some of the Fulgais. A single specimen of these tubes represents a great amount of patience and labor to cut it out of the hard shell substance. Work it down to shape, polish it and drill the hole through would be a task for a person to accomplish with modern hand tools nowadays, and much more of a task for our red skinned predecessor in his rude workshop. Among shell articles was a gorget, or pendent made from a common fresh water shell simply a disk of two inches in diameter, with two holes in the middle for suspending from the neck. Bracelets of copper or bronze were among the finds, some being very ingeniously carved. Two nose rings of the same material, quite a number of hair ornaments of some light metal; these latter were always found in small bunches just behind the ear on the skull; One bunch we retained attached to a scalp lock. Another bunch attached to a piece of leather. Instead of piercing the ear to attach these jingles, as we will call them, they attached them to the hair just behind the ear in a manner to indicate that they were suspended from the ear. One skeleton had two round boxes, similar to a lady's toilet box for holding face powder, but these contained what appeared to be snuff. They lay together, by the side, as though they had been contained in a pocket.

(To be continued).



Fine coins have proved to be about the best investment of modern times. U. S. cents which were bought for a few dollars twenty years ago, now sell readily at ten times their cost, while gold has got beyond the reach of all but the very rich. A two and a half dollar gold piece which sold at auction for thirty-nine dollars lately changed hands at three thousand, and the demand is greater than the supply. To derive either pleasure or profit from coin collecting the cabinet must be formed on some definite plan. A desultory accumulation of the coins of various nations will never increase in value while a complete collection in any line is always valuable. Take for instance the proclamation coins of the Spanish kings in South America. They can be bought cheap when found and are veritable numismatic historic documents proving the sovereignty of the king in all the towns and territories for which they were struck. Or one can find another line cheaper still, equally interesting and referring to our own country. The quaint series of 'Store Cards' or business advertisements of our early merchants. Family histories may be traced, business locations defined and trade combinations studied on these interesting tokens. They were apparently used by all for we find pieces issued by conjurers and undertakers, shoemakers and blacksmiths, jewelers and grocers, in fact every calling is represented and nearly every city of consequence in the country commemorated. They commence with the birth of our country, remain plentiful up to the middle of the Civil War, and reach from Canada to Orleans. Many can be purchased at five and ten cents each, which in future years will realize as many dollars, when got together in a representative collection showing the extent and commerce of our country.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

Of all things under the sun, nothing is so deceptive, so vague, so indefinite (to many) as advertising. Some can see and grasp and understand a bushel of wheat, a roll of leather, a can of oil. But circulation is a quality they "fall down" on. They cannot realize that there is no such thing as "cheap" advertising, and by the same token, no such thing as "high priced" advertising, for the good reason that what one would deem "cheap" advertising, because of low price, may be very dear advertising at any price, because "no good," while the space the uninitiated might call high priced publicity might be mighty cheap, because it proves profitable. Ever try the WEST'S 2c a word rate. 3 times for the price of two. Most advertisers stay who try it 6 months or more. It pays big U. C.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents.
David B. Emert Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

The first magazine this month is the Curio Bulletin, published in Chicago. This copy is No. 1 of Vol. 1 and has many good things, among which I may mention a sketch of Roy Farrell Green by F. G. Hillman; the Indians of New Mexico and Arizona by Earle R. Forrest; Mineral Collecting by Forest Gaines; Darts that Dealt Death by Remsburg and Romance of Fire Arm Collecting by Chas. W. Hickman, also a number of other articles on Indians. Shells and Minerals. This is one of the best magazines on general collecting published in the U. S. 15c per copy or 50c per year of four numbers.

The excavation of the Menelaon, the reputed tomb of Menelaus and Helen, has brought to light some interesting Mycenaean relics, among them traces of frescoes, fragments of pottery, bronze and lead votive offerings, beads, double-headed axes, terra cotta objects and the like. The Menelaon itself was probably built about 5, B. C., in other words 600 years later than the traditional period of Menelaus.—The Collectors Advocate, May, 1910.

No. 3 of Vol 1, of The Archaeological Bulletin is at hand. This issue consists of forty-eight pages and covers, and is full of good thing. Among all the good articles, I pick out the following. A work for the I. S. of A., by Straley,—The Ten Cacha Ruins by Gilder,—Mound Builders or Indians by Rayner,—Archaeology of Mill Creek by Keagy,—The Indian Remains of the Canadian River Valley by Prof. Eyerly, and several other fine articles which space forbids mentioning. This issue alone is worth the years subscription. Edited by the Secy. Box 534, Council Grove, Kans. 10c per copy, or 40c per year.

John McDowell made a rather gruesome discovery while plowing on his farm when he turned up a full length skeleton of an Indian warrior. The skull and the bones were well preserved, and lay only a few inches below the surface of the earth. The find was made where an old mound was located, and it is probable that several more skeletons can be discovered in this burial place. The bones are quite large, indicating that the Indian was of powerful build.—Shelby Co. Democrat.

Every once in a while excavaion in southern Arizona results in the discovery of a buried village. The most recent discovery of this kind was made by Frank

U. Erwin at his home, fourteen miles from Cochise. Three miles from his ranch Erwin started to dig an irrigation ditch. Only a few feet under the surface he began to uncover utensils of a shape and material which indicated that they had been used by a race probably as old as the Cibola, that strange people whose "Seven Famous Cities" was the lure that brought Father Nitza and the negro Estevanico from the Spanish mission at Culiacan north along the Senora river to the old city of Tabac, near Tucson, which expedition was the beginning of civilization in Arizona. After digging deeper Erwin came across a wall, which he followed for twenty feet. Further investigation brought to light hundreds of bones well preserved, one skeleton being intact. When an attempt was made to take up the skeleton it fell to pieces. Among the treasures unearthed was a slab on which were written curious figures representing men and birds and animals. Erwin took several of the relics into Tombstone and will send others to the Smithsonian institution—Kansas City Paper.



The 77th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, June 3rd, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following members were present: Messrs Ripstra, J. T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, McDonald, V. M. Brand, Brenner, Excell, Leon, Vercoouter, Baker, Willims and Wilson.

A communication was received from the Chicago Historical Society acknowledging receipt of medals. Dr. G. C. Fry and Mr. John S. Sensow were elected to membership. Mr. Baker gave a select reading on Coin Nomenclature. Mr. W. F. Dunham exhibited his collection of Roman first bronzes; and Mr. Leon some Siberian coins.

Magazines received since last report were: The Numismatist for April; Philatelic West, Spink's Circular and Numismatische Correspondenz for May; and Mehl's Monthly for June. Auction catalogs from Green for May, and Mehl's Monthly for June. Auction catalogs from Green, Hess (2), Low, Mehl, Sears and Spink. Catalog with fixed prices from Boudeau; and a priced catalog for Low.

Adjourned to meet July 1st, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

THE LINCOLN CENT.

Not on the eagle golden
Will we behold his face,
Nor yet on gleaming silver
The honored features trace;
But to the common copper,
The lowly coin instead
Has fallen the distinction
Of bearing Lincoln's head.

The millionaire may seldom
Those noble outlines grasp,
But childhood's chubby fingers
The image oft will clasp.
The poor man will esteem it,
And mothers hold it dear—
The plain and common people
He loved when he was here.

—Wilson, in the New York Sun.

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1. Members are required to answer cards within time specified in Rule 6.
2. Members must enclose postage when writing President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treas. and Chief Bureau of Translation.
3. Members are requested to notify the Publisher of The PHILATELIC WEST when paper does not come, not the Secretary of the club.
4. We close our report on the 15th of the month and all new members, notices, etc., received after that date must be held over to next report
5. Members are required to put their name, address and club number on all cards sent for or in exchange. No member will be reimbursed who fails to put his club number on cards in case he does not get reply.
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9. Members are required to promptly renew their memberships unless notice is sent to Sec'y.
10. Members are required to notify Sec'y in case of change of address.
11. Members must use care in addressing postals correctly. They should refer to membership list as mistakes are made in printing reports
12. Members must obey the exchange notice after each member's name or expect no reply.
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It is now over two years since we have offered memberships at less than 35c each. Other clubs have been forced to but luckier ones have not had to. We admit the last few days have hit us hard. We must do something to liven things up. So this great offer. For ten cents and two cents postage we will give any non-member full membership in our club. This offer is good only till August 25, 1910. Read our last report.

NEW REPRESENTATIVE.

We are pleased to announce we have secured the services of member No. 442, Carl L. Bloxham, Box 165, Fairbanks, Alaska, as our representative for Alaska.

BY THE WAY.

418. C.M. Lewis, 503 124th St., New York, desires to hear from every member and will answer promptly. (He's O. K.—Sec.) Also desires to ex. 6 views

at a time with those who care to.

432. Y. G. Leekun, Victoria, B.C., desires a larger correspondence with our foreign members. He exchanges stamps and cards.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

390. Oscar A. Wales, Lachine Locks, P. Q., P. O. Box 27, Canada.

RENEWALS.

41. Ulmont Stewart, L. B. 706, Westport, Ind.

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90. F. Lee Kuehnle, Box 207, Cudahy, Wisc., ex. actual views of anything.

137. Wilils Nolan, Madison, Ohio, will always send cards first. Desires to exchange stamps with members in South America and all British Colonies.

172. Geo. H. Bush, 9 Hickory St., Rochester, N. Y.

173. Walter C. Rowe, 416 Mill St., Greensburg, Pa.

174. John C. Ehrman, Room 205 Marine Bank Bldg., Baltimore, Md., foreign cards only; stamp on view side.

197. Evan V. Evans, Belize, British Honduras, C. A.

227. Frank Schmidt, 755 Grand St., Brooklyn, N. Y., desires hereafter foreign only excepting those with whom he is now exchanging.

234. Mrs. A. Putnam, 2446 Folsom St., Los Angeles, Calif., especially desires good foreign cards. Send her one.

250. J. H. Tolstad, Beach, N. D., will always send first. Note new address.

NEW MEMBERS.

466. W. H. Hencke, 4231 Sinton Ave., St. Louis, Mo., foreign only.

467. Helen D. Fox, 219 National Ave., Richmond, Ind.; local view cards.

468. G. Martinez C, Director de "A. B. C. Filatelico, Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic.

469. W. W. Gilman, Boscobel, Wisc.

470. Ben W. Wools, Washburn, Alaska.

471. Harry D. Woodard, Waterford, Pa.

472. Arthur Marr, Box 160, Victoria, British Columbia.

473. R. H. Battleson, Thief River Falls, Minn.

474. A. E. Devall, 203 N. 19th St., New York.

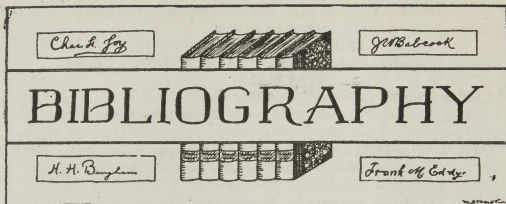
475. Oscar A. Lewis, P. O. Box 211, Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Members: We have a large number of renewals this month. This in itself shows that our club is giving satisfaction. Can't you get some new members before our next report? Your Secretary, Clarence V. Webb.

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The following little nugget of wisdom was given to advertisers by the "Music Trades Review." Every successful advertiser long since learned its truth:

"The failure of a trial advertisement has set more business men against advertising than any other factor in publicity. This is a pity when the indefiniteness of a trial advertisement represents low water mark—absolute bottom. It is not decisive, has no more value as evidence than a first meeting with an individual who afterward becomes your friend. Of all the advertisements in a long campaign it is worst, though it is written by an adept. If it is written by a novice in advertising the novice will never write a weaker one. It is like the first discord struck out of the piano by a beginner. If a student becomes disgusted with such an initial effort, he will never get farther, and if a merchant abandons his advertising intentions because the first advertisement was unremunerative, he will never get farther. The first attempt at anything is valuable only as an educator."



Talks on Old Books, Prints and Chinas

By D. L. P.

While the market is flooded with so called cheap editions, De Luxe of representative writers bought up by the big department stores as remainders from the publishers so that one can get a complete set of Dickens or Dumas for a few dollars, the market for scarce and rare old books continues very brisk and exceptionally good and record prices have been realized at auction sales for the past two years. Tho' the necessities of life were never higher, it seems that those stung by the collecting bug always seem to have plenty of money to indulge in their pleasant pastime.

The rise in values in autographs is especially noticeable. Good autographs, especially those of historic interest by Colonial celebrities are being eagerly sought for and some realize enormous prices. Just as an instance how values have gone up in Washington letters it might be noted that twenty or thirty years ago a good Washington letter could be bought for \$25 or \$50, the same letter today would fetch \$100.00 or \$200.00. Recently I bid at an auction sale in Boston \$200.00 for an exceptionally interesting letter of Geo. Washington detailing his trip out West in 1753 in which he speaks of Capt Trent and Eugene Ward being driven from their little camp at the Forks of the Ohio (now Pittsburgh) by Celeron the French Commander. I felt sure \$200.00 would land the letter for me but alas, some rich collector put in an unlimited bid probably, and it went to him, for \$300.00. Since the inauguration of the many Patriotic Societies, Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, Colonial Dames etc., it has become a fad to gather up at any cost some historic document or memorial of one's colonial forbears. These are handsomely framed as wall ornaments in a so-called Colonial room filled with antique and claw footed furniture of Chippendale or Sheraton style with pretty high boys and china closets filled with rare old china, pewter, etc. This craze for the antique has given an enormous boost to all values in old artistic pretty things.

With the rise and appreciation in values of old books—not ALL old books, but scarce and out of print books of local and antiquarian interest—books that all libraries must have for history writing—books that collectors prize on account of their rarity and constant demand for them—there has been an extraordinary rise in the values of old prints and engravings. One of the principal reasons is that it has become the pastime of many idle rich as a diversion from business to extra-illustrate some book that strangely appeals to them.

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The Journal of a Naturalist

By Charles P. Alexander

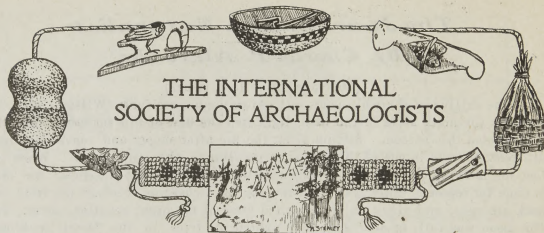
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The calling of the whip-poor-will, *Antrastomus vociferus*, Wilson, just after dark, on the north shore of the lake, indicated the first of this nocturnal bird that I had noted this season. Sitting about the fire after supper and conversing upon different subjects is one of the pleasures peculiar to the camper-out. When the last log is dying out and a few embers flutter up amongst the tree-tops, we deem it time for repose. I always like a tent-fly for a covering, because the front and back are open, and allow an unobstructed view of the night beauties about you. The moon was full, or nearly so, and lighted the trees in the forest strikingly. Here is another great pleasure of the naturalist—seeing the great forest by night, and hearing the varied sounds of nature's children. Far over on the north side of the lake, two whip-poor-wills call; somewhere along the lake the shrill piping of little frogs enlivens the night. A belated white-thoated sparrow starts its 'pur-i-tee-ee' song, long after ten o'clock, ending abruptly with a startled 'ee.' Who knows the cause of this startled interruption? Only Dame Nature, and she keeps her secrets to herself.

May 30, '09. We awoke long after sun-rise. The dew was vanishing from the leaves when we went down and stood upon the lake shore. Black flies were beginning to be noticeable and an account of these miserable insects may not come amiss at this point. As soon as the sun arises, black flies, *simulium venustum*, say (molestum, Harris) come out and proceed to make life miserable for man and beast. All day long, myriads hover about the camp, biting and settling down in swarms. They seem to have a contempt for penny-royal or smudges. At sunset they all disappear, when a few mosquitoes take their place. They are the curse of the woods in late May and June. Some days, the men at the saw mill tell me, they are so troublesome that all work has to be suspended. We were obliged to keep constantly in motion or we could not have endured these fearful insects. I have been in this part of the Adirondack lake country for years, at all seasons, and of black flies, punkies, mosquitoes, deer flies and other pests, by all means I say, give us all the others but eliminate the black fly. Although they are small creatures, smaller than a mosquito, yet because of their sharp bite and enormous numbers, they are incombustible. Kill a thousand, and a thousand come to bury them, as the saying goes. I went up the B. P. H. U. Creek, on the south side of the lake for a considerable distance today, and found the home of the *Simulium* society, where the water dashes over the flat rocks and aquatic plants have gathered on the creek bottom. Here the black fly breeds and flourishes. I was in search of crane flies, *Tipulidae*, but could not endure the black flies for any length of time. They are fearful if there is any such thing. I had to write up my journal with my head in under a blanket to keep the insects away.

After eating breakfast we set out for Van Denburg's Pond, two miles away. The road was an old lumber road, much used in winter, but rather obscured at this season by the rank vegetation growing along it. The outlet of Woodworth's Lake flows into Van Denburg's, so our general route was in sight of the stream. Along the wood road, birds were common. A fine male yellow-bellied sapsucker *Sphyrapicus varius*, L., was drumming lustily on a tall dead stump over near the pond; black and white Warblers, *Mniotilta varia* L. and Canadian Warblers, *Wilsonia Canadensis*, L. were frequently noted near Van Denburg's.

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SECRETARY'S NINTH REPORT.

Fellow Members:—Did you receive the May Archaeological Bulletin? It is important that I have this information so please let me know at once. New applications are coming in right along and I hope we will pass the 200 mark by the end of our first year. Let us work with that object in view. Bro. J. A. Rayner, Piqua, Ohio, sends in two new members this month. Thanks Bro. Rayner. Through the efforts of Bro. J. L. Strong, located for the present at Beverly, Sask., Canada, we now have a Vice president for England, Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma, M. A., Barkingside Vicarage, Ilford, Essex, England. Mr. Lach-Szyrma is a well known authority on archaeology and other scientific studies and I am sure the members will be glad to welcome him in the society. He has contributed a very interesting article which will appear in the August Bulletin.

Perhaps it will be of interest to the members to know that our own publication, Archaeological Bulletin, is gradually receiving attention from the archaeological world at large. The article by Dr. H. M. Whelpley in the February number was reprinted almost in full in a recent number of the Wisconsin Archaeologist. Thus it will be seen that with active co-operation on the part of each member we will be able to accomplish a great work.

The August ARCHAEOLOGICAL BULLETIN will complete the first volume. I would like to make it a hundred page number but in order to do this each member will have to help in the recruit work at once. Are you with me in the effort to make the August BULLETIN "the best yet?"

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173. Dr. James A. Baldwin, Box 174, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.
174. A. J. Baker, L. Box 106, Preston, Washington
175. Rev. W. S. Lach-Szyrma, M. A., Barkingside Vicarage, Ilford, Essex,
176. James R. Spencer, 508 W. Aluminum St., Butte, Montana. Eng.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

154. John A. Sterling, formerly Lawrence, Kansas, now Millbrook, Ill.

CORRECTION.

- 156 The correct address is E. B. Rayner, Box 361, Piqua, Ohio.

NON-MEMBERS:—If you are interested write me for further information.

ALLEN JESSE REYNOLDS, SEC'Y.

AN INTERESTING COLLECTION.—By L. G. Cline.

Many collectors take pride in their collections of stamps, coins, postcards, etc., but while I have collected both staups and post cards, my favorite hobby is the collecting of plays, play bills, photos of actors and actresses.

I have a number of biographies of old players and playwrights. Among my biographies are: The Memoirs of Mrs. Seddons by James Boaden. Memoirs of John Philip Kemble, including a story of the Stage from the Time of Garreck to the present period. 2 volumes in one by J. Boaden. Under what I class Dramatic Items I have the Literary Remains of Henry Neele, printed in 1829, very scarce; the American Comedians, John E. Owings and Joe Jefferson; Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson.

Among the scenes of play are The Rehêarsal, As You Like It, Spanish Friar and Twelfth Night. The rarest play in my collection is a one act playlet, "City Palitiques," produced in London, Eng., in the year 1628. I have some of the later plays and photos of present day players, but do not consider them as valuable nor as interesting as the earlier plays and players.

There is no nicer way to remember your friends than with nice illustrated postcards. The "Beauties of Friendship" set we offer and which thousands of our friends have received is the finest, tastiest, richest set of postcards ever produced in America. The bright colors of the flowers and the gold background make a combination which cannot be beaten. Send for a sample set and you will be more than pleased. Postcard club exchange has been the fad for several years and still shows no sign of abating. In fact, it is fast becoming a custom. The increasing popularity of this exchange custom proves, beyond all doubt, that the people are deriving not only pleasure, but some direct benefit from it. Those who belong to postcard exchange clubs receive souvenir cards from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries. These views enable them to form definite ideas of the world. This is the secret of the souvenir postcard exchange custom. It is instructive. It pays to join Union Card Club.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Great interest hinges around the first authentic evidence of the mining of bituminous coal in this country. The first of this mined in the United States, states the Geological Survey, was taken from what is usually termed the Richmond basin, a small area in the southeastern portion of Virginia, near the city of Richmond. This basin is situated on the eastern margin of the Piedmont plateau, thirteen miles above tidewater, on the James river. It lies in Goochland, Henrico, Powhatan and Chesterfield counties. The coal beds are much distorted, and the coal is of rather low grade when compared with that from other districts, with which it has come into competition. The occurrence of coal was known in the Richmond basin as early as 1700, and in 1789 shipments were made to some of the northern states. At present what little coal is produced in this field is for local consumption only.

In judging an opal color is of the greatest importance. Red fire or red in combination with yellow blue and green is the best. Blue by itself is quite valueless, and the green opal is not of great value unless the color is very vivid and the pattern very good. The color must be true—that is to say, it must not run in streaks or patches, alternating with a colorless or inferior quality. Pattern is an important factor, the several varieties being known as "pin fire" when the grain is very small, "harlequin" when the color is in small squares, the more regular the better, and the "flash fire," or "flash opal," when the color shows as a single flash or in very large pattern. Harlequin is the most common and is also popularly considered the most beautiful. When the squares of color are regular and show as distinct minute checks of red, yellow, blue and green it is considered magnificent. Some stones show better on edge than on top.

Our esteemed friend, Arthur Chamberlain of New York City, former publisher of "The Mineral Collector," tells in the May issue of "The Guide to Nature" of a visit to the mineral rooms of the well known dealer, Albert H. Petereit of New York City. The latter now has one of the largest and most complete stocks of minerals and gems to be found in this country. Visitors are always welcome and are shown every attention. Mr. Petereit was formerly a mechanical engineer and came by his interest in mineralogy principally like the rest of us—a combination of circumstances, coupled with observation. He regularly employs several assistants in his mammoth establishment at New York City. He has supplied most of the prominent institutions at home and abroad with material.

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1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
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7. We close our report on the 1st of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
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10. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

COMPLAINTS.

1056. Edw. E. Stafford, complains that the following owe him cards: 290, 790, 1408, 1490, 1602, 1654, 1753, 1886.

1987. F. X. Traeger complains of 1685, 1297.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately as, we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire during July. Please renew at once: 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838, 1839, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, 1845.

NOTICE.

The UNION is publishing a membership list every month and it is desired that all members receive same. Besides a corrected list of members, it contains other useful information, and will be sent to all enclosing a stamp for postage. Non-members may also receive it for a stamp. Foreign collectors may send an unused red stamp of their country. Any quantity of blanks will be sent upon request to the Secretary. Now is the dull season and members should make special effort to induce their friends to join. Much is lost if you do not possess the list each month, for new features are being constantly added. It can only be sent to members however, who remit stamp to pay postage.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured:

2005. Joseph M. Kneipp,

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2008. Miss Arlie Seaman,

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AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1840. R. Lee Padgett, Gen. Del., Houston, Texas, wishes foreign only, stamp view side. Pleased to receive cards from all foreign members.
 1858. Hale O. Kupa announces that he will be in the States till Oct. 1, and cannot answer correspondence.
 1912. C. C. Blatherwick is specializing in churches and cathedrals and wants a card from every member.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1974. Geo. S. Greene, 222 Birchwood Ave., Elmira Heights, N. Y., (desires colored landscape views especially).
 1983. Frank E. Bartlett, 93 Hillside Ave., Holyoke, Mass.

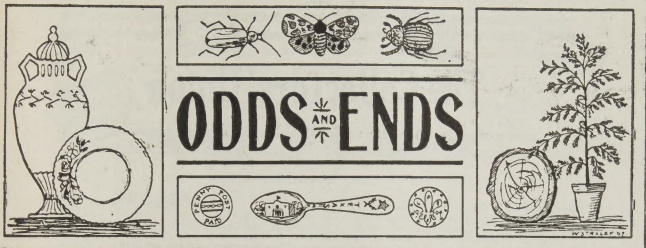
RENEWALS.

467. J. F. Aborn, 70 Merrick St., Worcester, Mass.
 546. P. Hardwick, 34 Chesham Bldg., Grosvenor Sq., London, England.
 628. J. Park Graybell, First Ave. Hotel, Denver, Colo., foreign only.
 1476. Miss Cornelia I. Dunn, Box 74, Walden, N. Y., foreign only.
 1488. C. J. Schlagenbusch, Box 72, Milesville, So. Dak.
 14767. Wm. G. Robb, Box 146, Rock Falls, Ills., foreign especially desired; stamp view side.
 1808. Miss Laine Tye Louis, 800 Palm St., San Luis Obispo, Calif.

NEW MEMBERS.

2012. E. Dubas, 917 N. Bradford St., Baltimore, Md.
 2013. Helen D. Fox, 219 National Ave., Richmond, Ind., local views only.
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 2015. W. L. Falkenstein, 710 Western Ave., Topeka, Kans.; public buildings, parks, street scenes.
 2016. Nelson T. Stover, 232 Cherry St., Findlay, Ohio.
 2017. Miss A. Perlot, 622 Northrup St., Portland, Oregon.
 2018. C. Dzyemski, 5150 S. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ills., exchanges cards and stamps with foreign countries.
 2019. Miss Bessie Ripka, 1222 S. 42nd Court, Chicago, Ills.
 2020. Emmet A. Bish, 216 No. Adams St., Marion, Ind.
 2021. Virgil D. Angerman, 3524 Rokeby St., Chicago, Ill., exchanges cards and stamps with foreign members.
 2022. Ernest W. Schock, 104 Woodland Ave., Dayton, Ohio, speaks Eng. German, French; collects good views.
 2023. Leroy G. Banks, 92 Laclede Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
 2024. Richard S. Foster, 261 Gilbert St., Bridgeport, Conn.
 2025. John L. Rutherford, Ross, Iowa, foreign only; stamp view side. Corresponds in Eng., German, Esperanto
 2026. Mary S. Miller, 2316 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago, Ills.
 2027. Mrs. Ida J. Kinney, Box 213, Guilford, Conn.

At Sommers Islands one of the scarcest varieties of old Colonial money, a shilling known from its type as "hog money" was issued most of the issue being of base silver. A copper coin struck about the same time for use in those islands presents on its reverse a man-of-war in full sail. The East Indies have provided the coin collector with many specimens, perhaps the most interesting being the old rupees and their divisions upon all of which are oriental types and legends. Another very remarkable coin known as the "pagoda," was struck in gold and in silver. The coins struck by the East India Company are also interesting and varied.



"Phiz's" Illustrations to 'The Old Curiosity Shop' and 'Barnaby Rudge,' sumptuously bound, are priced in the catalogue of a second hand bookseller at \$3625.

A copy of the Baker and Bill Bible of 1644, bound in delicate raised silver gilt thread work, one of the sides with an exquisitely embroidered miniature in colored silks of Prince Charles, and the other with a ship in full sail similarly worked, was sold in London recently for \$420.00. This handsome binding, which is remarkably well preserved, was apparently executed for Prince Charles.

The largest existing collection of coins is in the Public Cabinet of Antiquities at Vienna. There are 125000 coins.

The English sovereign was first coined in 1626. Previous to that date the noble value \$4.25 was the most valuable British coin.

A valuable collection of ancient and modern statuary has been presented to the Cape Town Art Gallery by the trustees under the will of the late Mr. Alfred Beit. The correspondent who sends the information adds, "The collection weighed about 45 tons."

Through the kindness of deceased Senator Paddock the University of Nebraska received a box of seventy five specimens of mineral from the national museum at Washington.

High Prices for Spoons. Two fine old seal-top spoons, dated 1691 and 1697 have been sold for \$50 and \$50 respectively. At the same sale a pair of octagonal trencher salts went for \$15 per ounce.

When a number of camels travel, they are usually led by a strong bull, which keeps the rest in order. If the leader should fall ill, or be absent from any other cause, the herd almost invariably mutinies. In Asia Minor, the duty of leading camel caravans is frequently deputed to donkeys. This may sound curious, but it must be remembered that in the East, the donkey is an important animal.

The Australian jungle fowl, instead of a nest, builds a huge earth mound, often fifteen feet in height, with a circumference of 150 feet. These mounds are under cover, and are so enveloped in foliage that, in spite of their size, they can scarcely be discovered.

In Peru, when a man wants to break into a house, he often takes a sponge and a bucket of water, and moistens the walls, which, being covered with only a thin coating of mud are easily dissolved upon the application of moisture.



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DEAR MEMBERS: With this issue we combine another society, the Fad Card Club of Chicago. This gives us twenty more active members besides perhaps one hundred whose time has expired and who should renew at once. For the present at least there will be no change in our price of membership. Every person sending in fifty cents for one year's subscription will be given absolutely free one year's membership in our club which is the best club to be found today. The time now is that you should get busy and renew if your membership has expired and also ask that friend of yours to join. We hold out no promises that we do not fulfill and it seems that a combination of six clubs ought to draw your attention for a while. We also have another club in view which we hope to get in our combination series soon. Watch every number and help push the club and don't forget to send that fifty cents today for your renewal. If you wish send the money direct to the publisher and direct him to credit you with one year's membership in THE COLLECTORS' UNION: Address C. H. Saint, 215 Spruce Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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- 2312. Florence G. Marey, Newark, N. M.
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- 2314. George J. Rhein, Manchester, Wis.
- 2315. Emerson A. Stoner, Greenwood Pk. Station, Des Moines, Iowa.
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- 2317. Robert Ford, Box 448, Little Rock, Ark.
- 2318. Miss F. Irene Bean, 16 Myrtle St., Waltham, Mass.
- 2319. L. G. Cline, Hutchinson, Kans., actress cards, glazed.
- 2320. Mary Spring, 1539 70 St., Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2321. Grover Scroggin, Oak, Nebr., coins and stamps
- 2322. W. Straley, Hico, Texas, Indian relics, post cards.
- 2323. Miss M. Crane, N. Y. City, 397 E. 153 St., wants post cards of S. A.
- 2324. I. C. Echols, bx 292, Ardmore, Okla., Phil. literature.
- 2325. R. Gormly, Herrick, S. Dak., collects insects.
- 2326. P. Hardwick, 34 Grosvenor Sq., London, England; stamps and post cards.

A RARE EXPERIENCE.

How many collectors of old arms can boast of having fired a wheel-lock pistol? I can say I have, but promise never again to repeat the performance. Last spring I had a wheel-lock pistol which had been loaded for scores, perhaps hundreds of years, and I desired to remove the powder and ball so as to eliminate all danger of accidental discharge. I found, much to my surprise, that the drill I had often used to remove ordinary old bullets from guns would not make an impression on the bullet in this pistol. This satisfied me that it was loaded with a steel ball, so the only way to remove it would be to fire it out.

The old pistol was in such good order that it would be perfectly safe, I thought, to fire it, so I carefully removed the old powder and injected fresh powder into it behind the ball through the flash hole. I then wound it up, primed the flash pan, pulled the hammer down and pressed the trigger! Never in all my life did I hear such a report from a hand fired gun! Only a cannon would have sounded louder. The flame of the priming powder flashed out and badly burned my hands as I held it up aiming toward the barn. The bullet was certainly removed. It passed clear through two six inch beams in the barn and passed into the air beyond!

This pistol has a bore of about one inch, so you can imagine what a serious thing it is to fire it, especially when it had been loaded for generations with a steel ball.—G. Elsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

Sacred Chinese Coin. One of the coins of the Chinese Emperor Kanghi is very much sought after by the Chinese, who use it in making rings for the finger. It is slightly different from the other cash issued under the same Emperor in the form of one of the characters that indicate the regnal period. The Chinese call it "Lo-han cash," the word Lo-han being a transcript in Chinese characters of the Sanskrit word Arhan; "venerable," the name applied to the eighteen attendants of Buddha, who are frequently seen ranged along the two sides of the principal halls in Buddhist temples.

The New Home for American Numismatic Society

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society has (Ill. in this issue) a new home in New York. It is two stories high in its northerly front, on elevated ground, and the numismatic building practically contains four stories in the rear, rising there about fifty-six feet from the street level. The front is thirty-six feet high from the terrace, and has a classic facade, with Ionic columns. Designed to be fire-proof, the structure of re-inforced concrete, with a finish of cream colored stucco, that will harmonizes with the limestone exterior of the Hispanic building, to which the general lines of the architecture correspond. It has a frontage of forty feet and a depth of sixty-five feet. The principal room on the main floor, an exhibition and meeting hall, is about thirty feet square, and it is lighted from above, being two stories high, with a balcony. On the second floor is a library at one end and an exhibition room at the other. Plans for the structure were drawn by Charles P. Huntington, the architect of the Hispanic Society's building. Its cost, estimated at about \$50,000 was defrayed by the Numismatic Society.

The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, which adopted that name when incorporated, on May 16, 1865, was originally organized as the American Numismatic Society, on April 6, 1858, at the house of August B. Sage, 121 Essex street. In its earlier years its meetings were held at various places, including the house of Dr. George H. Perine, who was one of the vice presidents; the Hall of Education, then at Grand and Elm streets; the old Free Academy, now the College of the City of New York; Mott Memorial Hall 64 Madison avenue; 38 Lafayette Place, 101 West Twentieth street, and the building of the Academy of Medicine. In April 1902, the society moved to 1271 Broadway, where it retained rooms until last spring. It then removed to temporary quarters placed at its disposal by the Hispanic Society of America, in the latter's new building.

Immediately after its corporation, the society caused a medal to be struck in commemoration of President Lincoln. It also had a membership medal struck, and others in honor of the organization. Since then the society has issued various medals on anniversaries and in honor of events of large importance. Its collections of coins, medals, and tokens now include over 30,000 specimens, many of which are extremely rare. The present membership of the society is about 300.

One of the most valuable of recent additions is a gift from a member of the society, Charles Gregory of a collection of Oriental coins (especially rich in Chinese and Japanese), comprising more than 1,600 specimens. Among these is a complete set of the "bullet" coin of Siam, including two gold ones, which are very rare, indeed. Also of great rarity is a pahang of the Malay peninsula, a hat shaped coin of lead, with floral ornaments on each side. It is about two and a half inches square, and is one of the oddest of coins. Then there is a large number of Siamese porcelain coins of various shapes, sizes and colors, all of which are ancient, as this style of coins is now obsolete. There is also an interesting collection of Anam coins, one of which, a silver coin of about 1850, bears an inscription that, translated, reads: "For the use of the people. Will make them rich for a long life. Inherited virtue. Current money."

The Chinese specimens include the very ancient coins known as razor, spade and bridge money, on account of their shapes. Some of the razor money belongs to the Ming series—B. C. 300-225. There is a sample of the Chinese sword or key money, A. D. 14, of bronze, inlaid with gold, which is in perfect condition. It is shaped a good deal like a modern flat latch-key. Other ancient Chinese

bronze pieces are shaped like turtles and fishes' tails. One coin is a helmet-shaped ingot of pure silver, weighing twelve and a half ounces and of \$13.75 coin value.

In the Gregory collection the largest gold coin is an ancient one of Japan, bearing the imperial autograph in black lacquer and also many mint marks. It measures six by three and one-half inches, weighs 105 pennyweights, and is worth in bullion \$114.32. A much bigger and heavier coin is a Japanese one of bronze, five inches in diameter, of the date of 1637. The largest coin of any kind is Chinese, made of bronze, $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, and was made in the first year of the reign of the Emperor Mo, whose crest and seal it bears.

The biggest rectangular coin among all the society's specimens is a Swedish dollar of 1747, in the reign of Frederick I. It is of pure copper, and measures five and a half by five inches. A member of the society, who was born in Sweden, said his grandfather told him that his grandfather told him about selling a farm and requiring three days to cart home the price in this kind of money. It was the custom of people who were well supplied with this Swedish "plate money," as it is called, to store it in the cellar, fearing that it would break down the floors if it were kept upstairs.

In striking contrast to such specimens is the smallest gold coin known, a sixty fourth part of a ducat, coined by the city of Bremen in the eighteenth century. Its diameter is three sixteenths of an inch.

J. Sanford Saltus, a member of the society, recently gave to it complete sets of American gold dollars from 1849 to 1889, of original half cents from 1849 to 1889 of original half cents from 1893 to 1887, and of American cents for the same period, including all the varieties of the 1793 coinage. One of the latter is the famous 'clover leaf' cent, which is valued by collectors at about \$200. Mr. Saltus also gave the rare Confederate cent of 1861, and a Confederate half dollar of the same date. The obverse of the latter coin is a facsimile of the United States half dollar (the die having been taken from the New Orleans mint), and the reverse is inscribed with a shield of seven stars and seven stripes surmounted by a liberty cap, and surrounded by the words, "Confederate States of America."

The society has a complete proof set of the coronation coins of King Edward VII, of which four are in gold and nine in silver; also a beautiful gold medal struck to commemorate the coronation, with the heads of the King and Queen on the obverse. Among the old English gold coins is a guinea of 1656, struck under the protectorate, which bears the head of Cromwell, crowned with a laurel wreath. It looks as if it had just come from the mint. "The Commonwealth of England" and the motto "God with Us" are among the inscriptions on a gold coin of 1653. Other English gold coins represent the reigns of the Stuarts, William and Mary, Queen Anne, and the Georges. There is also a complete set of the money minted to commemorate the fiftieth jubilee of Queen Victoria.

In the society's cabinets is a good collection of Greek and Roman coins of various dates, in gold, silver and copper. It has many early German coins, including some silver ones of very large size, among which is a ten crown piece, of 1665, measuring three and three-fourth inches in diameter. N. Y. Paper.

It was a custom in some of the small South American countries, until a few years since, to cut both silver and copper coins into equal portions to represent fractions of the original coin, and as such they were utilized. The 8 real piece (or dollar) and the 4, 2 and 1 real were all thus utilized.

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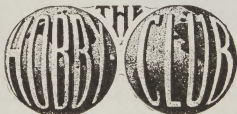
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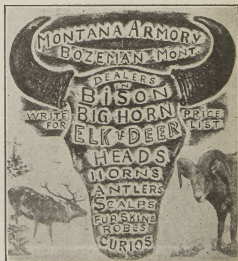
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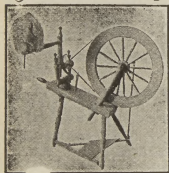
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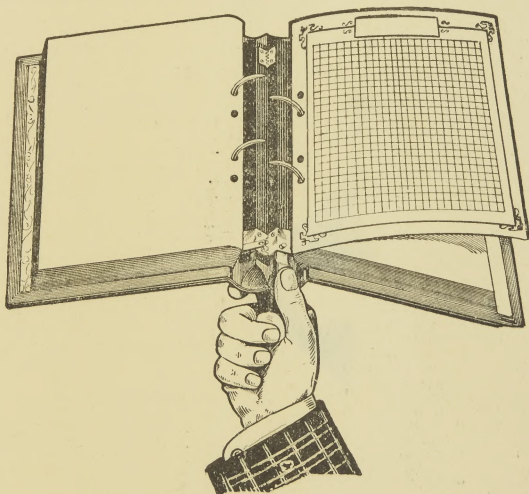
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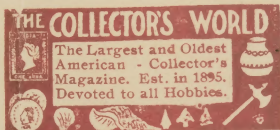
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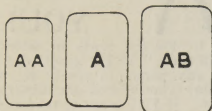
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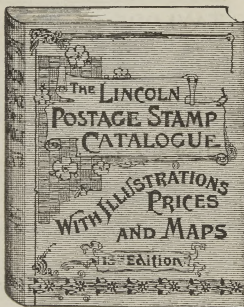
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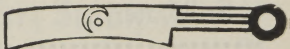
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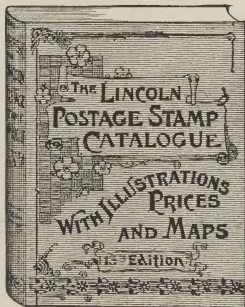
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90 3p "	.40	
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93 6p "	1.00	
95 1p 1902	.05	.30
96 1p "	.05	.30
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Cat No	Per	Per
	10	100
113 3p orange 1867	2.75	
130 ½p rose 1875	.40	
132 1p green "	.10	
135 2p violet	.15	1.30
140 2p "	.15	1.30
141 11p green pec can 1881	.20	
142 2p brown "	.10	
143 2p violet "	.12	
145 4p carmine "	1.50	
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149 3p ochre	.10	.75
160 ½p rose 1886 1000 \$2 00	.04	.25
161 1p green "	.05	.40
162 2p violet "		.10
163 4p red "	.15	1.10
164 6p blue "	.15	1.10
169 1p orange 1889		.10
171 1p on pink unused mint	1.00	

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Cat No.	Per	Per
	10	100
172 2½p red 1891	.12	1.00
173 5p brown "	.15	1.10
175 9p red "	.60	
176 1sh claret pen can	.20	
179 1½p green 1898 unused o g	.45	
180 ½p green 1899	.10	.90
181 1p rose 1899 1000 \$1.50		.20
183 2½p blue "	.12	
184 ½p without "postage Feb.	.12	1.00
185 2p " " "	.05	.35
186 3p " " "	.50	
187 4p " " "	.80	
188 6p " " "	.60	
184 ½p " "postage unused o g	.18	1.60
185 2p " " "	.55	
186 3p " " "	1.20	
188 6p " " "	2.00	
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194 1p " " 1000 50c		.10
195 1½p " " "	.18	1.60
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204 2sh " " "	1.20	
209 1sh 1903	.35	
222 3p 1905-08	.12	
223 4p " "	.15	
225 6p " "	.12	
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George V. Picks out Designs for Stamps

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5. Sterling H. Singer, Clarks Summit, Pa., 20, electrical engineer, Frank Singer, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
6. Alden R. Hawkins, 722 Swiss St., Dallas, Texas, 17, with R. G. Dunn & Co, D. E. Hawkins, Texas Phil. Assn. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
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8. David Neefus, 538 Union St., Hudson, N. Y., 45, book keeper, any bank in City, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
9. Francis B. Sands, 505 Quincy Ave., Scranton, Pa., 14, student, M. F. Sands, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
10. Clarence Loose, Beaver Creek, Minn., 19, student, F. T. Loose, A. J. Tanghuan. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. Sterling H. Singer, 20, Clarks Summit, Pa.; electrical engineer.
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12. Prince Mutz, Mgr. Universal Stamp Co., Linn, Kans., specialists in Java stamps, L. Brodstone. Proposed by L. Brodstone.

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- Total membership July 25th, 415.

ERROR IN LAST REPORT.

Application No. 9 should have read—Colie W. Roberts, Box 748, Anniston,

Ala., 18, stenographer and stamp dealer, Mrs. P. Roberts, H. L. Cater Proposed
by H. S. Powell.

Dear Members.—This is my final call for nominations ere I put the ballots to press. If you have any nominations to make, forward them to me AT ONCE. The convention date of Oct. 3rd is not far distant and I hope many of our western members will be able to arrange to attend the meeting at Kansas City on that date. All those who expect to attend, kindly notify President Powell. Do you need a supply of blanks? If so drop me a card and they will come. Hoping to see all members get to hustling, I am, Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secy.

SALES SUPT'S REPORT, JULY 26, 1910

90 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.....	\$2147.31
18 books received since, value.....	213.92
108 books, value.....	\$2361.23
17 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$92.37 or 27 per cent was sold.....	343.57
91 books in circulation	\$2017.66

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.....	\$118.56
1 per cent from retired books.....	3.44
Total amount	\$122.00

Once again I wish to urge upon the members the necessity for arranging their stamps in alphabetical order and marking Catalogue number and value under each stamp, as well as the net selling price. Sales from such carefully prepared book are averaging much better than under the old plan of arranging stamps any way and where insufficient data are given.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Superintendent

RECRUITING COMMITTEE RE-ORGANIZED.

Dear Fellow Members:—I am sorry our recruiting committee is not doing the work it ought to. I have re-organized it and I hereby appoint the following as members of the recruiting committee to serve the rest of year 1910: L. T. Brodstone, L. G. Cline, Roger G. Way, Wm. M. White, H. F. Hovey, Rev. R. Stollenwerk, C. H. Williams, John F. Hart, M. O. Canfield, C. H. Nammack and N. Manoliadis. Plenty of the imitation typewritten letters can be secured of me. Send for some! I am sure the above can at least secure one new member a month.

This year makes my second as an officer of this society. I have tried to do my best in both of the offices I have held, but I believe I can do better as exchange manager. I have been nominated for this office, knowing Mr. Holt did not desire it the coming year. With my knowledge of stamps and societies I can make this department THE department of the society. Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain, Very Fraternally, C. V. Webb.

The Scranton branch of the S. P. A. held their second meeting at the residence of Mr. Oliver Arnold Jr., 1726 Madison Ave. Business opened at 8:15 and closed at 11 p. m. The main feature of the meeting was an auction sale of sets and singles furnished by Sec. Mack, who also acted as auctioneer and Mr. Peabody as clerk. The auction was a complete success as well as exciting. Mr. Mack donated 65 per cent of net sales to the Treasury. During the meeting Mr. Peabody made the suggestion of holding a stamp exhibit which was heartily endorsed by the other members, date to be decided on later. Two new members were brought in by Sec. Mack, Francis B. Sands and Sterling Snyder. Refreshments were served by Mr. Arnold who proved to be an excellent entertainer. Eight members were present.

100 Things to Collect--By N. Y. Leibinger

1. Souvenir spoons
2. Match boxes
3. Cameos
4. Miniatures
5. Silphnettes
6. Daguerotypes and shadowpoints
7. Baskets
8. Laces (handmade)
9. X-ray photographs
10. Frames
11. Bulbs
12. Cacti
13. Ferns
14. Pen and pocket knives
15. Paper knives
16. Comic papers
17. Advertisements
18. Placards
19. Posters
20. Programs
21. Menu cards
22. Bill of fares
23. Bottle tops
24. Champagne corks
25. Milk bottle tops
26. Finger,oints
27. Cilppings
28. Ivory carvings
29. Wood carvings
30. Pryographic objectts
31. Transfers
32. Tags, Ry., hotel, etc.
33. Ribbons
34. Buttons
35. Spanish shawls
36. Tenerifa work
37. Filigrau
38. Mosaic
39. Enameled Jewelry
40. Caricatures
41. Conchites
42. Crests
43. Maps
44. Oriental rugs
45. Belts
46. Precious stones, polished
47. Precious stones, not polished
48. Wigs
49. Straw hats
50. Weather reports
51. Paper napkins
52. Wall paper
53. Japanese towels
54. Weights and measures
55. Thimbles
56. Skulls
57. Wish bones
58. Fish eyes (petrified with formal dehyde)
59. Nests of insects and birds
60. Saches
61. Bells
62. Musical instruments
63. Bellows
64. Powder puffs
65. Smelling bottles
66. Chinese lanterns
67. Army and Navy color and head ornaments
68. Army and Navy sheverons & cords
69. Spindles
70. Walking stilt and canes
71. Whips
72. Cane and umbrella handles
73. Candles (church)
74. Bibles
75. Lantern slides
76. Songs
77. Poems
78. Mottoes
79. Toasts
80. Ex libris
81. Book plates
82. Book marks
83. Playing cards
84. Chess figures and boards
85. Poker chips
86. Monograms
87. Teacups
88. Dresden china
89. Terra cotta
90. Roycroft books and products
91. Artificial flowers
92. Door knobs and knockers
93. Models of yachts and men of war
94. Handkerchiefs
95. Sandals
96. Needles and pins
97. Silhouettes
98. Cameras
99. Phonographic records
100. Moving picture films



New Issues Column

*By W. S. Lincoln
London, W., Eng. 2 Hollis St.*

The Oldest Established Stamp Dealer in the World.

To all my readers I must express my regrets and apologies that owing to the pressure of business I have not been able to send over an account of the New Issues we have received for some little time, but we have been so busy this summer in England with stamps, that it has been a matter of extreme difficulty to secure any time to attend to any details outside the ordinary work of the day. Perhaps there has never been a time on this side when stamps have been so popular in the summer as they have been in the last two months. Primarily this may be put down to the loss of our great King Edward VII. for philatelists here are rushing to complete the stamps issued during his reign. I should strongly advise my readers if they are interested in the stamps of any British Colonies, to fill them up immediately as the prices are rising daily here. If they care to send me a list of any stamps that they are desirous of obtaining I will give them the best advice and information as to how to secure them. Do not fail to do this because I can assure you that you will afterwards regret it when you find empty spaces in your album that could otherwise have been filled if you had struck out in time.

We have quite a budget of new issues received since my last article, many of which are of the most interesting description. For reproductions of these stamps see illustration page in this journal.

ARGENTINE. The new stamps commemorating the centenary of the Argentine Republic have just been received here. They are nicely printed and are in striking combinations of colour. They make a handsome and attractive series and each design is different. A complete list of the series is as follows:— $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue grey and blue; 1c., green and black; 2c., olive and black; 3c., green; 4c., blue and green; 5c., red; 10c., brown and black; 12c., blue; 20c., brown and black; 24c., blue and brown; 30c., lilac and black; 50c., red and black; 1p., blue; 5p., orange and violet; 10p., orange and black; 20p., blue and black.

Of these the $\frac{1}{2}$ c, 2c, 4c, 10c, 12c, 25c, 50c, 5p and 10p. represent various pictures of Argentine Republic history and also its famous places, while the remaining values show portraits of the statesmen connected with its progress.

AZORES. A new set bearing the portrait of King Manuel is now to hand and somewhat novel for this country. They have a portrait of the King in a medallion and the word "Acores" beneath. Under the King's portrait is a representation of a hawk signifying the derivation of the name of these islands which is derived from the word "azor" meaning a hawk, as quantities of these birds were found upon the Islands when they were discovered.

BELGIUM. The stamps issued by the authorities at the Brussels Exhibition have now been received and they are, to say the least of them, quaint. There are four values of practically the same design and there have been two artists employed. One has executed the 1c and the 5c and the other the 2c and the 10c. The 2c and the 10c have backgrounds of solid color and the 1c and the 5c only in outlines. Evidently the gentleman who designed the 1c and the 5c is one of the impressionistic school. We understand that the gentleman whose portrait appears upon the stamp is St. Martin dividing his clock amongst the beggars. These stamps are sold in Belgium at a surcharge upon the facial value, the amount thus obtained going to the various Belgium charities. 1c., grey; 2c., lake; 5c., green;

10c., red.

BRAZIL. I have not yet chronicled the commemoration stamps of the Pan American Medical Congress at Rio de Janeiro. This, as you will see by the picture, is an upright stamp rather nicely engraved and printed by the American Bank Note Company, and designed by Bernadelli. There are six portraits on the stamp representing various politicians of America.—San Martin of Argentine, Jose Bonifacio of Brazil, Hidalgo of Mexico, Washington of U. S. A. O'Higgins of Chili and Bolivar of Bolivia. Beneath these portraits is a figure of peace.

200 reis deep blue

COSTA RICA. A new set of stamps is just received, each one differing in design and bearing portraits of statesmen with the exception of the 1c which as before is a picture of the statue erected to Juan Santa Maria. The other portraits in the order of the value are:—Jan Mora, Jose M. Canas, Mauro Fernandez, Braulio Carrillo, Julian Volio, Figueroa and Jimenez. The colors are as follows:—1 centimo brown; 2 centimos green; 4 centimos, scarlet; 5 centimos, orange; 10 centimos, blue; 20 centimos, sage; 25 centimos, lilac; 1 colon, brown.

MAURITUS. This country has just issued a new series and for the first time we have for this British Colony a portrait of the late King Edward VII and as this can only have a short run we can strongly recommend the purchase of this interesting set. These stamps are intermingled with other values somewhat similar in design to the old Arms type but in the present series of Arms the ship in the left hand upper corner which was formerly a three masted vessel has now become an ancient galley, while the key in the left hand bottom corner instead of being turned to the left is reversed and points to the right. For the sake of clearness we will cite the two sets separately.

ARMS TYPE:—1c. grey; 2c., brown; 3c., green; 4c., green and red; 6c, red; 8c., brown; 15c., blue.

KING EDWARD VII PORTRAIT:—5c., grey and red; 12c., grey; 25c., black and red on yellow; 50c., lilac and black.

Any of my readers who have not yet availed themselves of my offer to send them the 4d and 7d English stamps recently issued, bearing a portrait of the late King Edward VII, which are sure to be good, can still do so by sending me the face value, which is 8 cents for the 4d and 14 cents for the 7d, plus 2 cents to cover cost of postage, and I will see that they have good specimens.

In Holland the introduction of a postage-due stamp, value 3 cent, was found necessary. The same has been printed in the well known blue type and is now in circulation.

But, before the publication of that stamp, the Een Gulden postage-due stamp was surcharged with 3 cent, in the same style as the 50 cent on 1 Gulden. It is however, very probable that this 3 cent | 1 gulden surcharge was never used officially, but that stamp dealers have secured a number of specimens, I have seen only unused or used with gum, which means that the stamp was never attached on a letter. The price, for which they are offered by dealers is about f 1.25(\$.50).

Nicaragua's canal stamp was issued at a time when it was thought it would be a factor in spreading broadcast the special advantages a route through that country would afford the canal builders. The stamp presented a map of Nicaragua and showed by clearly defined lines how the canal could be cut from shore to shore. It availed nothing.—C. A.

U. S. Cash Permits

(Continued.)

Brooklyn, N. Y.	No 34..	Type 4....	1c ..	John Kissel & Co.
"	52..	"	4....	1c.... Equitable Trading Co.
Buffalo, N. Y., ...	16..	"	1 & 4	1c.... Jacob Dold Packing Co.
Camden, N. J.	3..	"	4 ...	1c.... J. B. VaySciver Co.
"	6..	"	4	1c ... Victor Talking Mac. Co.
Carson, Nev.	1..	"	4 ...	1c.... Weekly Goldfield Gossip
Chester, Ill.	1..	"	4 & 1	1c.... Western Business Agency
Chicago, Ill.	11..	"	4....	1c.... Henry Paulson & Co.
"	13..	"	4 ...	3c ... Grocers Critterion
"	14..	"	1&4 ...	5&8c .Albert Pick & Co.
"	34..	"	4 ...	1c.... Hasterlik Bros.
"	35..	"	4....	1&3c.. M. Phillipsborn
"	57 ..	"	2 ..	1c . Liquid Carabonic Co.
"	58..	"	1....	1cR... L. H. Shafter Co.
"	83..	"	4....	1c ... L. Bauman & Co.
"	96..	"	1....	1c.... Chas. S. Eveland
"	97..	"	1....	1c ... Quaker Valley Mfg. Co.
"	116..	"	4....	2c.... Crane Co.
"	127..	"	1... ..	1c ... M. Born & Co.
"	134..	"	4....	1c.... Strauss Bros.
"	152..	"	4 ...	2c ... Strouss & Eisendrath Co.
"	173..	"	1....	1c ... Moore & Evans
"	193..	"	4 ...	1c.... Hillmans Monthly
"	198..	"	4 ...	1c ... Trans. Cont. Freight Bureau
"	223..	"	1 ...	1c.... Sullivan Machinerey Co.
"	227..	"	1 ...	1c.... Morrison Plummer & Co.
"	250..	"	4....	1c.... The Carter-Times
"	263..	"	2&4...1c...	Pomeroy Bros.
"	283..	"	4 ...	1c.... American Steel & Wire Co.
"	302..	"	3 ...	1c ... Tuckert & Hogen
"	313..	"	4....	1c ... F. E. Young & Co.
"	329..	"	4....	1c.... McKinley Music Co.
"	337..	"	4....	1c.... Donald A. Campbell & Co.
"	339..	"	4....	1c.... Bennetts Mag. Agency

The time may come when these permits will be valued as highly as any of the U. S. Match and Medicine stamps are now.

The following permits not listed by Longee or Steward are sent by F. A. Brown, E. Peru, Ia:

Boston, Mass.	2 ...	4....	1c ..	Perry Mason Co.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.	1. .	1	1c....	Welch Cook Co.
Chicago	345 ..	4 ...	1c ...	Pumps & Supplies
"	386 ..	4 ...	4c....	Guthman, Carpenter & Telling
Cincinnati, O.	93 ...	4... ..	1c....	J. M. Hanson
Cleveland, O.	50 ...	4 ...	1c....	Hascall Paint Co.
Columbus, O.	2 ...	4 ...	1c ...	M. C. Lilley
"	"	"	"	Variety
Cleveland, O.	36 ...	4 ...	1c....	Wooltex
Danbury, Conn.	1 ...	1 ...	1c ..	Uric Acid Monthly

(To be continued.)

THE GUILLOTINE.

By Harry Banning.

"Are you a collector," I inquired of my friend Jules as I leaned over the bar of his little cafe in the Rue la Grange and examined a five franc piece of Louis XVI which was on display in the case.

"No," answered Jules shortly, and he left the room, slamming the door in my face. I was not surprised at anything Jules did for I had known him many years. My curio store adjoined his cafe and it was my habit to drop in after business hours and have a glass or two, sometimes more when business was dull. Jules was an eccentric fellow. His expression and conversation seemed to betray some secret grief, so I repeat I was not surprised at his action.

I was still examining the coin when Jules flung open the door and motioned for me to follow him.

His face wore a strange expression, and his broad shoulders almost filled the doorway, but I could see that the room was dark, and for a moment I hesitated. Then shaking off my fear I threw down the coin and followed him. We passed through two rooms and finally came to a heavy door. Jules unlocked this and let down the bars. Then he opened the door and we entered a small, dark room without windows of any kind. At first I could see nothing, but when my eyes became accustomed to the gloom I could distinguish a tall, dark object in one corner.

"No, I am not a collector," repeated Jules, "but I have here a fine relic of the revolution which may interest such people." He caught me by the arm and led me up to the tall object. I shrank back in horror—it was a guillotine.

"Mon Dieu! Jules," I cried, "the guillotine!"

"Yes, the guillotine," chuckled Jules, "the holy guillotine, the saviour of France. You act like an aristocrat" said Jules and I felt his grip tighten on my arm. It was indeed one of the guillotines of 1793.

The guides were black with age. The knife was rusty and seemed to be stained with fresh blood. Jules raised the knife and let it fall with a dismal clank. "My grandfather was executioner at Neims during the Terror," said Jules proudly. "He held his commission from Robespierre. This machine has beheaded many a proud noble." When Jules had ceased speaking I stepped up to the grim instrument of death and examined it as carefully as my weak nerves would permit.

It was in splendid condition, as sound as when it struck off heads one hundred years before. The top almost touched the high ceiling and the blade was still sharp. But what surprised me most was the condition of the straps that bound the unfortunates to the plank. They were still stout and pliable. I soon found they were new. "Jules," I said with a nervous laugh, "it is ready to use."

"It is always oiled and ready," growled Jules. "It has saved France once, and may do it again. A customer just then entered the cafe and I gladly followed Jules out of the dismal room. I took a long breath when I reached the street and tried to think of more pleasant things, but my mind would always drift back to the towering instrument of death in the little back room of the cafe. When I reached my place of business I was trembling like a leaf. I resolved to shun Jules and his place of business. But as my nerves grew better my resolve vanished. One night I was again in his cafe listening to his rambling talk when an event occurred which forms the climax of my story.

Jules, as usual, was talking of the revolution. He was drawing a vivid word picture of the attack on the Tuilleries, and as I listened everything was transformed. I was living in the "Terror." Even the bottles on the shelves seemed to contain blood and I could hear the crash of the guillotine and the brutal shouts of the mob. Then a voice aroused me: "Louis Robespierre says you must die," and a pair of arms encircled me.

Jules was dragging me to the rear room to the guillotine. I struggled in vain for I was in the hands of a madman. The guillotine was ready. Jules threw me on the plank and bound me. I heard the knife rise and shut my eyes hopelessly. My whole life passed before me. The poor madman thought me Louis XVI. Suddenly a thought came to me.

"Jules," I screamed, I am Robespierre, the king has escaped." The madman fell on his knees and stared into my face. Then gently releasing me he lifted me from the plank and threw himself upon his knees. "Pardon, pardon, citizen," he begged, "I am a fool."

I played my part well. "I pardon you," I replied, "but you must appear before the committee of public safety tomorrow."

His face grew pale at my words. I staggered from the room, but I must have fainted, for I can remember nothing until a shrill scream aroused me. The sound came from the guillotine. Jules was stretched on the plank with his neck under the knife. I saw his right hand go out. Then the knife fell and his head dropped into the basket. I looked at the quivering blinking face. For a moment his eyes stared at me with fierce anger then the anger slowly disappeared as the brain died. I can not explain my feelings, nor shall I describe the sensation that shook Paris when the police discovered four headless bodies under the cafe.

A reader sends us a newspaper clipping stating that "a conservative estimate of the value of stamp collections in the United States amounts to more than \$12,000,000." Our friend wishes to know our opinion as to this figure.

We don't know who made this \$12,000,000 estimate. It may have been laboriously compiled in good faith. So many collections at \$500,000, plus so many collections at \$100,000, plus so many collections at from \$10,000 to \$95,000 each, plus so many more collections at \$5,000 to \$9,000, plus so many hundred at \$1,000 to \$4,000, plus so many thousand more at from \$999 down to 25 cents—all these could undoubtedly be made to add up \$12,000,000 by anybody with an intimate acquaintance with ordinary arithmetic and a sufficient stock of imagination and perseverance. We recommend the process as the means of passing a few quiet evenings.

The thing, of course, can be done much more simply. Assume that there are 120,000 stamp collectors in the United States, each of whom on the average possesses \$100 worth of stamps, and you get your \$12,000,000. Some optimists will probably find fault with these figures on the ground that there are more than 120,000 collectors here in America, or, if there are not, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves. We are inclined to think this objection well taken. A man or boy, not forgetting the ladies either—must still count as a stamp collector as long as he holds on to any of his philatelic possessions, even if he has long since ceased to be "active."

Let us therefore be more cheerful and assume that there are 1,199,998 stamp collectors active, somnolent or even philatelically dead, but still possessing their precious stamps. Assuming that, even if some of these collections be worth \$500,000 and some of them not more than 25 cents, yet assuming, we say, that their average value is \$10, which is a nice round figure, and multiplying this by the number of collectors as given above, we get \$11,999,980 as the total value of the stamp collections in the United States. It will be noted that this figure is surprisingly close to the first quoted newspaper estimate of \$12,000,000; so it seems only fair to accept it as correct.

If anyone has proof to the contrary, we shall be pleased to hear from him.
—Scott's Weekly.

On "Skeleton" Philately

By F. J. Melville

The idea of "outline" or skeleton" philately deserves the careful consideration of young collectors and those older ones who are obliged to restrict their "hobby-horsical" expenses. A "skeleton" collection would perhaps be more properly and descriptively termed a collection of types of the world's postage stamps. The method adopted by the enthusiast in this branch of the hobby is to take one specimen of every type of stamp and to disregard all the others of the same series if they be of the same design. For instance, last month a new issue of King's Head stamps for use in Southern Nigeria was recorded the facial values running $\frac{1}{2}$ d to £1. To collect the whole of these stamps would mean a large expense to the "generalist," but as the stamps are all of one design, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d value alone suffices for the skeleton philatelist.

In the case of foreign countries it is easy to see that a very considerable saving of money and album space would be effected by merely showing one type of the "Commerce" series of each of the French Colonies, and the later "Justice" and "Rights of Man" types. One or two hundred specimens might be economised by taking only one type of each of the Portuguese colonial issues, and further large savings would be effected by applying the system to the Spanish and German colonial issues.

As for the never-failing annual crop of stamps for the Southern and Central American States, one specimen of each design would suffice, and that should always be the lowest value. It is no difficult to believe that were this the generally adopted form of collecting, big issues of useless stamps would not be so frequently put forward by these imbeculous Governments.

There are, of course, many series of stamps which would have to be collected in entirety in order to get all the different designs. For example, while the Jubilee issue of Canada might be represented by one specimen (The Jubilee), that of its neighbor Newfoundland would have to be taken fully in order to get the whole of the picture series. The New Zealand views, Newfoundland portraits, and the North Borneo dyak series would all require full treatment. The large variety of portraits of the Republican heroes of Argentine and the United States would all have to be taken into consideration, as well as the latter Republic's beautiful commemorative series of 1893, 1898, and 1901. As a set off against these, however, less than a dozen types would serve for Luxemburg's long series of issues, as also for those of Saxony, Bremen, Hamburg, Tunis, Bosnia, Norway, Denmark, and others, while a single type would suffice for such issues as those of Alsace and Lorraine, and Travancore.

The chief advantage of this scheme is its inexpensiveness, and for that reason it has been styled "Philately for the Poor." It is certain that no really scientific philatelist can depend only upon a collection of types on which to base his studies. The student of the postal issues of a particular country must needs have recourse to a fairly complete collection of its stamps. The young specialist, however, who while devoting his best efforts to one country or group of countries, may find this "skeleton" scheme of use for keeping in touch with the stamps of other countries. In this way the majority of philatelists today are forming parts of their collections—the less interesting ones in skeleton. The best application of the idea—and that which appeals to the widest circle of collectors—is to take types only of uninteresting issues, and devote one's attention to stamps that really repay careful study and investment.—English Paper.

Saved by His Stamps--By O. B.

Hans Brown began collecting
In the year of '93,
When he got a little packet
From a New York dealer, free.

He bought a quarter album,
And much to his surprise
An ex-collector gave him
A bunch of stamp supplies.

He kept right on collecting
Until ten years ago.
Then his collection numbered
Twelve thousand stamps or so.

He put his stamps away,
And soon they were forgotten.
They were laid up in the attic
And soon began to rotten.

In debt two thousand dollars
A pledge on all he had,
'Twas mighty hard for Mr. Brown,
It made him very sad.

One day he tho't of gone by days;
Of days when he was young:
When he collected postage stamps,
For pleasure and for fun.

He stole into his attic
And was very much surprised

To find his old collection
In dust and dirt disguised.

He took it to a dealer,
Not very far away.
The dealer looked it over,
And then, what did he say?

"Looking over your collection,
Some rarities I find."
Inverted center Washingtons
This dealer had in mind.

"I find some rare old Englands,
And some scarce old France.
Oh, what began to lighten,
But the heavy heart of Hans.

"The worth of your collection
Is more than you surmise.
Four thousand dollars it is worth.
Oh, what a great surprise.

Hans went home a running
With the happy news.
For he was very happy,
And no longer had the blues.

After having paid his debt,
He counted what he had.
Two thousand dollars he had left,
It made him very glad.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER ISLAND.

British Columbia, as most of our readers probably know, is a province of Canada on the eastern coast of British North America. Vancouver Island is off the coast of British Columbia. Prior to the year 1866, both colonies were separate governments but had the same governor as head official.

In 1861 a 2½ pence stamp was issued for the combined use of British Columbia and Vancouver Island. In 1865 Vancouver Island issued individual stamps of 5 and 10 cent values. The next year, 1866, the two colonies were united as one government under the name of British Columbia and a 3 pence stamp of new design was issued. Two years later, 1868, a new issue was made necessary by the change in the currency from pence and pounds to the decimal system of dollars and cents. The 3 pence stamp was printed in six different colors, each color surcharged with a value. This make-shift issue was in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 25 and 50 cents and one dollar.

This last issue remained in use only two years. In 1870 British Columbia entered the confederation of colonies composing the present Dominion of Canada. Canadian stamps were used hereafter.

The population of British Columbia and Vancouver Island at that early date was small, and as the different issues were in use for only short periods, the stamps are naturally scarce.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

668—Is the handling of stamps really so dangerous to health as some would make it.—I do not think so. It is undoubtedly possible that germs are conveyed on stamps, both used and unused. Therefore it is not advisable to moisten them with the tongue, as is frequently done, but to use some other means for moistening. On the other hand, if we should be so very much afraid of germs, that for the fear of them we abstain from touching stamps, we might as well leave the world altogether, because the air we breathe and most everything we touch is full of them. A few of them may be alive and harmful, but the majority will, as a rule, not hurt us, and you need not fear them on stamps any more than you fear them on your cigar, on the stem of your pipe, or anything else in daily use. Ordinary care and cleanliness should be quite sufficient in regard to stamps as well as anything else. Do not put them to your tongue, and you are all right.

669—Does the Argentine Republic still issue any stamped envelopes?—I think so. They were certainly in use in March of this year. The latest issue listed in the ABC catalog is that of 1907-8 with portrait of San Martin, 5, 12 and 15 centavos. I have not paid attention whether there is any later issue. The ABC Catalog enumerates 29 different envelopes. It seems though that additional varieties might be counted, if all the papers and sizes be counted. The last one I received is on white paper, but has on the inner side a fancy design lithographed in grey with often repeated words "Servicio de Correos Republica Argentina." This shows through the paper and gives it a greyish figured appearance on the outer side also.

670—Where can one get information about precanceled stamps?—Subscribe to The Attleboro Philatelist. Mr. Eldredge, whose former contributions to The West will be remembered, has been treating precanceled stamps in the A. P. for some time, and in No. 9—which, by the way, illustrates 8 varieties of Canadian and one of Belgian stamps with precancellations—it is announced that shortly an illustrated catalog of U. S. precanceled stamps will be started. I know of no other journal that makes a specialty of these stamps, as does the A. P. For the benefit of another inquirer I will add that precanceled stamps are such which are overprinted with the city name and other marks in whole sheets and used on large lots of printed matter. They receive no further cancellation while going through the mails, and they cannot be used on small lots or single parcels.

616—U. S. of South Africa—Scott's Circular has the following: "The question of stamps for the new South African Union has not yet been definitely settled, but it is probable that each country will continue its own issues for at least a year longer. Judging by the time it took Australia to adopt commonwealth stamps, the 'year' may be a long one indeed." That means in other words that nothing definite is yet known.

671—Who knows anything about a glazed card, inscribed "Good for 5c, redeemable at the Monroe Post Office, Monroe, La., 1861," postmarked on the back?—It seems to be a piece of provisional fractional currency like the "encased stamps" of the war times, but I cannot say that I know anything about it. Were there more such provisionals issued? Where?

672—What is the character of stamps inscribed "Marakesh-Mazagan"?—They, and many others, are said to be private locals used between certain places in Morocco. Kohl's Handbuch lists quite a number of them, giving notes and referring to Dr. Rommel's book, "Marocco seine Post und seine Postwert-

zeichen." Yvert & Tellier state in a note that they are locals used between certain places and then proceed to give a list of such places, to-wit:

Alcazar-Outzan
Tanger-Tetouan
Tanger-Arzila
Tanger-Fez
Fez-Mequinez
Mogador-Agadir

Tetouan-Elksar
Tanger-Larache
Mazagan-Marakech
Saffi-Marakech
Tanger-Elksar
Fez-Seifrou

Kohl names others besides these, as Mazagan-Marocco, Mazagan-Azemour-Marakech, Mogador-Marocco, Mogador-Marakech, Tetouan-Chechuan and Demnat-Marakech, but states that the lines Tanger-Alkassar (Elksar), Saffi-Marakech and Mogador-Agadir are imaginary, the stamps for these nonexistent lines being a product of speculation.

Senf's Catalog dismisses them all with a short note, branding them as private locals. According to Kohl, however, at least some of them were used for a time in connection with the French, English and (as it seems to be implied) German and Spanish offices in Morocco, giving them a semi-official character.

Scott, Gibbons and others omit them entirely.

673—Does exchange with foreign collectors pay?—That depends both on your own circumstances and the particular collectors with whom you enter into exchange relations. If you have a few stamps of value to offer you cannot expect to get much of value in return, and if the foreign collectors with whom you exchange are selfish and unscrupulous, it is very likely that you will exchange at a loss. Sometimes you will be so fortunate as to find men that want just what you have to offer and will make generous returns for what they get. As a rule, I consider exchange with foreigners a costly pastime. England, Canada, Germany and Mexico under our domestic postal rates may be considered as exceptions. But then, exchange with collectors in our own country is not always profitable, or even satisfactory. It takes time to find out with whom you can agree well. Better exchange hand to hand with neighbors.

674—What packets of stamps should a collector buy after neglecting his collection of about 3,000 varieties for 6 or 8 years?—That depends on the manner in which he wishes to collect. If he wishes to bring his general collection of common stamps down to date, he may do well to buy a packet of 1,000 or 2,000 varieties. If he has any favorite countries, or if, perhaps on account of his old album, he wishes to collect in a limited way, he will better pick out packets of specified contents, or he may do better to buy sets instead of packets.

675—How may stamps be sent in the international mails?—They may be sent in sealed packets at letter rates, in open packages as printed matter or samples (without value) or merchandise, or—where treaties exist—by parcels post.

676—What countries collect import duty on stamps?—None that I know, except Mauritius, which collects—12 per cent ad valorem, I think—and perhaps one or the other country—which I do not remember—on large lots of unused stamps in full sheets. The U. S. collects duty on ALBUMS with or without stamps in them, 35 per cent ad valorem. Hence to send an album with stamps to the U. S. is a very costly pastime!

677—How may one distinguish the 1d, 1881, Great Britain, Scott's No. 88 and 89, without counting the dots?—There is a slight difference in shade and general appearance, and the dots on the stamp with only 14 are a little larger than where there are 16 dots. By actual observation in careful comparison one may learn to distinguish them almost at a glance, but otherwise this can hardly be learned. The best way to do is to get one of the stamps with 14 dots (No. 88) and with it to compare any other stamps that one wishes to examine; by holding the two stamps side by side the difference may soon be learned.

Stamp Collecting in Outline--Greece

During the last ten years we philatelists have had a great deal more consideration from the governments of the world than we used to have. In the old days a designer was thought to have fulfilled his duty when he had turned out a stamp which could easily be recognized as being of a certain value and belonging to a particular territory. Nowadays he is called upon to produce a picture, or frequently a series of pictures, illustrative of the history or art of a country, or representing one or more of its famous men or its most remarkable animals. Though in a good many cases there has been a sordid desire to produce stamps that will find a ready sale amongst collectors, it cannot be doubted that the movement has given a new interest to philately.

Take Greece, for example. From 1861 to 1882 the ancient home of art produced but one type, and that merely a servile copy of the stamps of the French Republic, indeed, the work of the same engraver, M. Barre. Though the 161 varieties—those printed in Paris and those printed in Athens, those with figures at the back and those without this feature—form a splendid field for the specialist, they can hardly be expected to arouse much enthusiasm in the general collector. We who are collecting types will content ourselves with a single example, the 20 lepta, blue, of the 1862-70 set, produced in Athens. From 1886 to 1896 Greece had a slightly more distinctive set designed, and at first printed in Belgium, and distinguishable by the smaller head and the large numerals at the foot.

In the last mentioned year the Olympic games were held, and the Greeks awoke to the possibility of producing an issue which would have won the approval of their ancestors who contended in the ancient Olympic games, and might also prove attractive to the modern philatelist. Art does not flourish under Turkish rule, and has not yet had time to revive in Greece, so the work had to be carried out in Paris, but the artists caught the classical spirit and for the first time Greece had a genuinely national series of stamps. Following our general principle, we have picked out the two most typical of the eight designs, the 1 lepton, on which a pair of gladiators, in the simple costume affected in primitive Greece on such occasions, are having a spirited set to with their fists, and the 20 lepta, which reproduces an antique vase adorned with a figure of Pallas Athen, the goddess of wisdom, armed with a spear and shield. With such a set as this we may stretch a point and include the 10 lepta, which illustrates the ancient sport of throwing the discus, a kind of quoit made of stone.

The standard set by the issue has been fairly well maintained. The set of 1901 printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., of London, has a good running figure of Hermes, repeated on it. There are three varieties, of which the finest is undoubtedly that used for the drachma values, but as these are somewhat expensive we must be satisfied with the next best, represented by the 5 lepta.

The 1902 set with the head of Hermes in a beaded oval, shows a falling off, but everything is made up for by the second Olympic games series, which came out in 1906 and is to be placed to the credit of Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Their Apollo throwing the discus, on the 1 lepton is a fine piece of work, but the gem of the collection is the 20 lepta where the Titan Atlas, who supports the dome of the sky, is offering the apples of the Hesperides to Hercules, whilst this hero is temporarily discharging his onerous duty. The quaint ideas of astronomy entertained by the very early Greeks are evidenced by the bit of sky, which appears at the top of the stamp, with its neat row of stars and the little crescent moon in the center. The two palm trees represent Africa, where Atlas was sup-

posed to live and the spiked object is Hercules celebrated club. For those who desire a few extra specimens of this striking set, we can recommend the 10 lepta, depicting a figure of victory, curiously like the angels of ordinary art, and the 30 lepta, exhibiting a wrestling match, both of which are quite inexpensive.

The original Postage Due Stamps of Greece were of Austrian manufacture, and at first had the word "Lepta" in small letters which were three years later altered to larger ones. In 1902 the present more artistic type came into use, with the figures between two classical pillars.

STAMPS TO BE COLLECTED.—GREECE.

1861 to 1886. Head of Hermes, French type, 20 Lepta, blue, used, 1d.

1886—91. Smaller head, large numerals in bottom corners, 20 lepta, scarlet, used, 1d.

1896. Olympic games issue. Gladiators fighting, 1 lepton, ochre, used, 1d.

1896. Olympic games issue, large vase with figure of goddess, 20 lepta, brown, used, 1d.

1901. Running figure of Hermes, 5 lepta, green, used, 1d

1902. Head in beaded oval, A. M. in top corners, figures in bottom corners, 5 lepta, orange, unused, 1d.

1906. 2nd Olympic games issue, Apollo throwing discs, 1 Lepton, brown used, 1d

1906. 2nd Olympic games issue. Atlas offering the apple to Hercules, 20 lepta, claret, used, 1d.

Postage Due Stamps.

1875. Numerals in circle, "Lepta" in small letters, perf. 2 lepta, green and black, unused, 1d.

1878. Numerals in circle, "Lepta" in large letters, 5 lepta, green and black, used, 2d.

1902. Numerals between pillars, 1 lepton, brown, unused, 1d.

WEST Publisher was present 2 years ago at all of the Olympic Games held in London, England. It lasted over two weeks.

SPANISH PHILATELY.

At various periods we have commented upon the future of the various Spanish Colonies which since the late Spanish American war have been diminishing so at that the moment Spain retains but one Colonial possession—Fernando Po. The rapid extension of the German Colonies during the past few years has been a marked feature of the political, as well as the philatelic, history of the Fatherland. A short while back we gave a complete list of the various German Colonies, with the stamps issued for use therein. Spain having just ceded the Caroline Islands, the Pellew Islands, and the Ladrões or Mariana Island, some fresh surcharges on the current German adhesives may be looked for at an early date.

The Caroline Islands are a group in the Western Pacific, largely uninhabited, with a population of 22,000. The Pelloes lie to the west of the Carolines, with a population of about 5,000 or 10,000. The Mariana or Ladrões lie to the north of the Carolines. Guam, one—the largest—of the group is already in the possession of the United States.

It is even rumored that Fernando Po is being treated for by a European power, and if so, Spain retires into Philatelic seclusion, an important feature of European history at the close of this nineteenth century.



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The Washington News, a new department in the Philadelphia Stamp News, is a valuable acquisition of this new weekly stamp paper. The correspondent, "Post Officious," seems to be in touch with—or at least in easy reach of—the men that make the U. S. stamps, or decide how they shall be made. He gives some interesting information about U. S. postal cards, speaks of the Esperanto congress to be held in Washington this year, August 14 to 20, and reminds us of the four papers that may be distinguished in the stamps of the present U. S. issue, namely, the original white, the bluish experimental rag paper, the so-called "china clay" paper, and a new chalk surface paper. The following might almost be called startling news. "Post Officious" writes: "I am sending you an essay of surface printing by a new process known as the 'off set' method, and I am firmly of the opinion that the bureau is experimenting in view of cutting out die engraving, etc., and the expensive plate sheet work. This 'off set' method would print continuously in long sheets, about a hundred stamps wide, and being wound on a roll until five hundred or a thousand impressions have been made, as desired, the large roll would be cut apart making a hundred small rolls of five hundred or a thousand stamps each." An innovation of so radical a character certainly deserves notice, and the man and paper that make the first mention of it credit for doing so.

Of the new King George of England the Literary Digest says: "It has been said that King George V. would rather command a battleship or collect postage stamps than reign over a nation." Further on the king is described as a man well versed in history and of studious habits.

In the German press the question whether reprints exist of certain German colonial stamps or not, is again in much evidence. The officials of the Imperial Post flatly deny their existence, but Hauptmann Ohrt, author of a work on reprints, makes a pretty strong case, trying to prove from the report of these very officials that reprints do exist. It all depends on the definition of the term "reprints." According to the definition adopted some time ago by several philatelic bodies, Hauptmann Ohrt seems to be right, yet in other respects he seems to go too far. What will interest stamp collectors generally is the fact that a part—how large a part could not be ascertained—a part of 7,000 sets with the surcharge "Deutsch Sudwest Afrika" were printed, not for postal use, but for the Berlin Postal Museum, which sold them to philatelists. It appears that the officials of the museum and possibly some of the other officials, were not aware at the time that a part of these 7,000 sets were printed for this special purpose. They call them originals, while Hauptmann Ohrt and others call them reprints, and claim that similar reprints were made of the stamps of certain other colonies, "Marschall" Islands, first surcharge, for instance. The whole occurrence shows how very desirable it is that publicity be given to all facts connected with any issue of stamps, and that stamps printed for collectors, and not for postal use should be so designated before they are sold to collectors. They certainly have less value in the estimation of many collectors than the stamps printed for postal use.

Der Stempelmarkensammler is a new paper hailing from Kapsovar, Hungary, and is issued in the interest of collectors of revenue or fiscal, telegraph, railroad, steamboat, and express or private post stamps. As contributors it names Messrs. A. Forbin of Paris, Emerich Doczkalik of Vienna

and I. Mayr of Vienna. Our Mr. O. T. Hartmann of Denver appears also among the contributors with a very readable article in No. 1, giving his reasons for becoming a revenue stamp collector. The same experience that he had to go through, namely a lack of literature giving information about revenue stamps, is most likely one of the main reasons that so few collectors take up revenues in earnest. The new journal may therefore be welcomed so much the more, and though it is published in the German language, we hope it may continue to appear longer than did that excellent English publication, Morley's Philatelic Journal, which by its discontinuation has left a want among fiscal collectors.

The Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt reports the sale of a lot of 1,111,740 stamps of Ecuador, the remainders of the Railway Commemorative issue, for the sum of \$20,000. The face value of the lot which contains 141,056 1 sucre stamps is \$266,864.23. The smallest quantity of any stamp is that of the 5c which is 41,284. They should all be obtainable for about one-tenth of the face value, or 20c per set. Most likely though we shall have to pay 50c to \$1.00. The buyer is not named.

The same journal in its May number illustrates two pages of counterfeit stamps, surcharges and obliterations found in the possession of Dimitri Mladenovic, who for some time operated from Paris and was arrested in Vienna. Among the illustrations are those of five stamps of Roumania, surcharges of Guam, Austrian Levante, German, French and British colonies, and sixteen obliterations or cancellations, Russian, French, German, Italian and English. Shall we rejoice more over the counterfeiter's capture, or lament the fact that he has been able to work so much and so long in his nefarious business?

Mr. Gustav Schmidt of Basel, Switzerland, stamp collector, representative of the Cosmopolitan Correspondence Club, publisher and agent for philatelic publications, has sent us quite a number of European stamp journals. There are two in French, *Le Timbrophile de France*, published in Paris, and *L'Annonce Timbrologique*, published in Brussels. Then there is the *Skandinavisk Filatelisk Tidskrift*, hailing from Odense, Denmark; the *Revista Postal Portuguesa*, from Villa de Conde, Portugal, and *El Eco Postal*, from Valencia Spain, respectively in the Danish, Portuguese and Spanish languages. The *Allkemeiner Anzeiger fuer Philatelie* is a German paper coming from Woerishofen, Bavaria, and *De Postzegelrevue*, a Dutch paper from Soerakarta, Java.

In *Die Post*, another paper sent us by Mr. Schmidt, we find a very interesting account of the 25pf. German Southwest Africa, second issue (Scott No. 11), by Herr Louis Senf. The writer says that, though a number of these stamps had been printed, they were considered unnecessary and not sent to the colony, until stamp collectors there demanded them and the colonial officials ordered them by telegraph. When later it was found that they were not wanted for postal use, it was too late.

The time for the annual convention of the American Philatelic Society is rapidly approaching and yet we hear very little about the Collector's Stamp Catalogue which should have been commenced last year. The want of an independent catalogue giving unbiased prices not controlled by any dealer is the great drawback to stamp collecting in the United States and there can be no revival of business until such a catalogue is published. It is not too late to get the work started under the auspices of the A. P. S. Independent dealers stand ready to contribute two thousand dollars to start the work. A competent editor can be engaged to do the job for a thousand dollars and the advanced sale to dealers and collectors will provide all the additional funds necessary. We believe every dealer in the country would be willing to undertake part of the work under the direction of the editor without any other remuneration than the knowledge that he has done his share for the advancement of philately in America.—Met. Phil.

Stamps--Jamaica

Jamaica is perhaps one of the finest countries for the collector of moderate means. The expense of a complete collection is comparatively small, whilst the first issues are just sufficiently scarce to make the country interesting from a philatelic standpoint. There is plenty of scope for the specialist here too, shades of nearly every issue being found in great variety, whilst we find surcharges, errors of surcharge, errors in the design (in the "Arms" issue) and plenty of interesting varieties of watermark and perforation—and, of course, the inevitable chalk surfaced paper in the late issues.

Until August 1st, 1860, the Jamaican Post Office was under the control of Great Britain, and the British 1d., 4d. and 6d. stamps were used on all letters sent out of the island. British stamps used in Jamaica at this time are easily distinguishable as they generally bear the Kingston Postmarks A27 to A78 are also occasionally found, these being the numbers of the minor Jamaican Postoffice. All specialists of Jamaican stamps are advised to look out for these stamps, as they are rapidly getting more popular just now among collectors, with the result that they are getting increasingly difficult to obtain.

1860.—On November 23rd, 1860, the first Jamaican stamps were issued. There were five values—the 1d, 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. They were printed on thin wove paper, bearing the well known pineapple watermark, and perforated 14. the pineapple is one of the important features in the Arms of the Island, this probably leading the authorities to adopt this device. The 3d. value was issued in 1863 with the same watermark and perforation as before.

The stamps of the first issue are exceedingly difficult to procure in really fine condition—in fact, they are very seldom seen in the mint state, and really good unused copies are worth full catalogued value.

1861.—In November, 1861, an interesting bisected provisional stamp was issued—which was authorized by government decree in the Jamaican Official Gazette—the 1d blue being bisected and used as a half-penny stamp. Dangerous forgeries of this stamp are often found, even on the entire envelope.

1871 2.—The second issue appeared during these two years. The same values and designs were issued, but on paper watermarked Crown CC. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value was added in 1872, this bringing the number of values up to seven.

1875 —Two additional values now appeared—the 2s brown and 5s. lilac watermark Crown C. C., but perforated 12 $\frac{1}{2}$).

1883 6.—During these years five values were issued with Crown C. A. watermark. viz., $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green (1885), 1d. blue (1883), 1d. rose (1885), 2d. rose (1884), 2d grey (1885.) 3d, green (1886). 4d, brown-red (1883), and 4d. orange-brown.

The 1d value was changed from blue to red to meet Postal Union requirements—which necessitated a further change in the colour of the 2d. value—from red to grey.

The 1d. blue and 2d rose are scarce stamps, owing to their short life, and are gradually getting scarcer, especially in the unused condition. Beginners are apt to confuse the 4d., brown-red with the common orange brown; there is a great difference in their values.—Gibbons prices for unused copies being 20s. and 8d. respectively.

1889.—The 1d, and 2d. values were issued in this year in different colours and designs. Multitudinous shades of these stamps are to be found—though many are caused through the action of light, etc.

1890.—In 1890 a provisional 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. stamp was issued, the 4d, orange-brown

being surcharged TWO PENCE HALFPENNY in thin sans-serif capitals in black. There are many distinct varieties of this surcharge—several being rare—especially the double-surcharged variety, etc.

1890-7.—Between 1890 and 1897, five new stamps were issued, viz., the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. lilac and ultra-marine in the 1889 design and the 6d, 1s., 2s., and 5s. of the old design, but on Crown C. A paper and perf. 14.

1900-1.—In 1900 the Penny postage was adopted between Jamaica and Great Britain, and a 1d. pictorial stamp was issued to commemorate the event.

1903-4.—In these two years four more stamps were issued bearing the arms of the colony. These stamps were bi-colored and were printed on paper watermarked Crown C A, single and perforated 14.

1905.—In this year the same stamps were issued with multiple Crown CA watermark. A new value of the same type was also issued—the 5s. violet and black.

Rather a surprise was created by the reissuing of the 3d., 6d, and 1s. Queen's Head stamps on the multiple watermarked paper. During the last two years most of the last issues have appeared on the chalky paper, also making these issues rather intricate. An interesting variety occurs in most of the "Arms" types. On one stamp of every sheet the letters "VL." and the word "Serviet" are missing.

1906.—In 1906, the $\frac{1}{2}$ s and 1d. values were issued in a redrawn "Arms" type—and uncolored—the difference in the design being mostly in the framework of the Arms.

Commemorative stamps are seldom issued to exploit stamp collectors, and if there were statistics available it would be found that not a twentieth part of such issues were purchased by stamp collectors. Not a hundredth part of the United States Commemorative issued were purchased by collectors. The same thing can be said of Bulgaria, Japan and other countries. The postage stamp forms a convenient form of advertising a national anniversary, and thousands of non-stamp-collectors buy them as souvenirs. Commemorative stamps are, in fact, the recruiting sergeants of philately, and do far more good than even exhibitions. To give an illustration of the possibilities of the postage stamp; if the Postmaster-General would issue a special stamp in February, 1911, to commemorate the twenty years establishment of the railway letter post, he would probably find it a more effective advertisement of that little known facility than all the many pages that have appeared about it in the Postal Guide. A postage stamp will often circulate where a newspaper won't, at least, in countries where there is not a "Daily Mail." But we should have thought for advertisement purposes, picture post cards were more suitable than stamps. Belgium, for instance, issues 5c and 10c postcards, advertising the Ostende-Dover route between the Continent and England. New Zealand is a case of a Colony issuing pictorial cards. No one suggests these are "made for collectors." Why, then, the adhesive stamps?—Collectors Weekly

ONLY AN "ALBINO."

We occasionally hear of some person finding a U. S. envelope with the regular embossed stamp in the corner but without ink—colorless. The finder usually considers the envelope a rarity of the highest class, and places a large value upon it. However, an "albino", as collectors call them are merely freaks and are not even rare as such. They sell at prices varying from 10 to 50 cents, according to the desire of the buyer to possess a copy.

How I Do It--By A. Z. Myers

Every collector has his own way of handling his stamps. After a while he finds some other collector that has a better way, and then he changes, and what a lot of fun he has removing his stamps and arranging them differently.

Instead of buying an album, I bought a John C. Moore Loose Leaf ledger which strikes my fancy just to the T. Lincoln gets out finest album seen.

Then I began with the latest issues of U.S. and 1909 gave us three specials. On the first page as yet in that book, but for the title page are three full rows of these stamps together with such information as to time and purpose and value as I may see fit to enter.

Additional duplicates are stuck on the back of the page unless there are many of them. If more than one row or so, we use an envelope, one that the mucilage for sealing is good, as the flap closes over more closely shutting out the light, and when the number reaches a hundred it is sealed, and a new one begun.

These extra envelopes I find a very convenient way of carrying my extra stamps. At present, I am collecting everything in sight, believing that if one stamp of a kind is worth getting more are also. Sometime I may become a dealer, or have a stock worth selling to a dealer.

Coming back to my book, the next pages have the 1908-9 series arranged similarly though there are room for four rows. Instead of only one of a kind I like to see the row, they look nice, and are convenient for getting at when I want to trade with some one for we will trade or exchange when we have more than one of a kind, except when they are blocks which we will not break and at present are just collecting

Then we trace on back through the U. S., as we have been able and have space for all the several issues. If a new sheet is needed at any time it is a simple matter of a second, to slip it in

Following the U. S. postage are the U. S. Revenue and then Canada, the West Indies, Central and South America, England, Europe and I have easily learned the order they follow without an index and prefer this greatly to the alphabetic order. Of course this is only my preference. After Europe is Africa, then Asia, Australia and the Islands of the Pacific.

As my collection grows, it is enlarged by adding a new sheet as needed in the place. The same system for duplicates is followed throughout the book as described for the U. S. Stamps are grouped on pages according to issues. When I get more varieties or find errors in cataloging, it is an easy matter to change the entire sheet if desired.

It has cost me less than a good album, is flexible, adaptable, holds not only my whole collection in a way it is a pleasure to see and show, but has much of my duplicate stock very convenient for exchanging, for by the use of peelable hinges, it is a trifle to remove. When my collection has grown to the point of interesting specialization, it will be ready for it. There is also room for clippings or writing if desired.

Values are marked in pencil and easily changed if I find an error or change in values

Approval sheets have been made for exchanging. We are more anxious to just collect than exchange, though of course we are glad to get new varieties. My collection is hardly out of its swaddling clothes, but it has in this way brought me a lot of pleasure and has a value far in excess of its ordinary marketable value—to me at least, and will be in fine shape if ever it is to be sold when I grow

tired of it or unappreciative heirs inherit it.

Should be glad to hear through the WEST of any original ways other collectors may file. This is my way. It may not be a good way, but pleases me the best of any I have found yet. The WEST will do good service, and you will do good service to the West, by telling the way you have that is better.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

(Continued from June "WEST".)

Ceylon bill stamps are divided into first, second and third exchange and have been considerably surcharged, but this fact does not stop me from trying to keep all not in my collection, because they are artistically gotten up stamps. Also a fair representation of Duty, Judicial and Warehouse.

Chili is an easy country and no trouble to secure. The 20 pesos excepted, the telegraph are common enough.

Columbian Republic early stamps come under the name New Granada up to 1864 time, then Col. Rep. and its respective provinces. Panama used to use Col. Rep. revenue stamps surcharged Timpre Especial, Depto de Panama in double lined oval, but has issued a few as an independent republic.

In Costa Rica I have been able to keep up with the procession. The issues of 1870-83 are large stamps, the rest small. All bear the arms surcharged each year since 1903 with date of year. 1884 produced the 4 head types, which you find in postage stamp catalogs postally used, but they are common as revenues.

Of Creta I have only a few of 1900. These are the counterpart of the postage only that they are all printed in bistre (olive yellow.)

Cuba as a republic has issued many commercial tax stamps, not scarce, but somehow not easy to secure in quantities.

Staid Denmark has not changed its revenues since 1876. All are bi-colored and with or without wmk. About complete.

Equator revenues are easy. Up to 1897 one design issues are quite numerous. These revenues cancelled postally to order are the common ones to be found. I keep them but try to replace them truly fiscally used, which is another matter.

Every postage stamp collector is acquainted with the old Finland serpentine perforation but increase the size of stamps almost 4 times, and you have the revenue—and to get perfect revenues with no perforation missing, is a hard proposition.

It is rather annoying to hear some collectors talk of the vast profits realized by the dealer on the sale of stamps. If they could be sold by the thousand dollar lots at a time and accepted in packets as handed out then a quarter of one per cent would be a fair profit, but we have yet to see the dealer who can conduct his business at less than sixteen per cent expenses on his total sales. One dealer started to sell new issues at ten per cent above face value, he lost money and advanced the price to fifteen per cent. but as he found that the more he sold the poorer he became he gave up the business. There is more money in selling current U.S. stamps at one than selling foreign stamps at twenty per cent. The great expense in the business is the time occupied. The grocer makes an average larger profit than the stamp dealer and his goods take no time to sell. Time and space especially in New York, cost money.—Metropolitan Phil.

Postage stamps were printed and gummed by contract for 5c per 1,000—paper furnished by English Government—in 1840. They are now printed much cheaper.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

The various countries of the world use 3,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

L'Annonce Timbrologique states that a German stamp dealer has just purchased for 40,000 marks one million of the stamps of the triangular series of Equador, issued in 1908 to commemorate the twenty-fifth

anniversary of the opening of the Guayaquil to Quito railway. The stamps were engraved and printed by Messrs Werlow & Sons, as every purchaser is informed by the prominent imprint which figures on every stamp. As the set is catalogued at over 7s. 6d. it will be interesting to watch the effect of the deal on catalogue prices.

The Philatelic Society of Sweden has issued a warning against current imperforate 5 o and 20 o stamps of that country which are now being offered. The statement is made that they are printer's waste and that the postoffice will not accept them for postage.

Mr. Ralph has shown a pair of the United States 1863, 3c rose imperforate horizontally, which has been in his collection for years. It will be remembered that the 10c in similar condition was discovered some two years ago.

Personally, the stamps of South and Central American Republics have always appealed to me. Also I felt that they were not receiving the attention they merited by their many points of interest.

It is fair to observe that Nicaragua's stamps are as interesting historians as the stamps of other countries. There seems to be a great store of learning and useful information laid up in all of them.

The WEST has carried the want ad business for 16 years at 2c per word for first insertion and 1c per word for each subsequent insertion. If not continuous insertions, 2c per word. Most stay who try it six months.

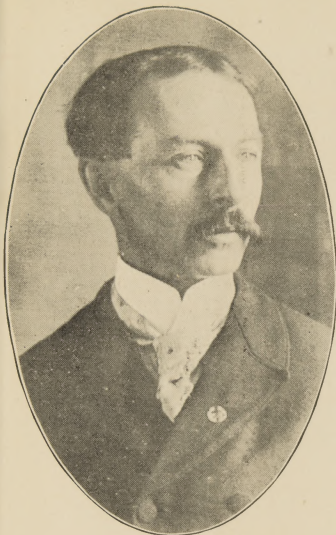
The newspapers have been making much of a \$500.00 Straits Settlements postage stamp, of which a specimen copy was received recently at Washington. This value, while nominally good for postage like many other British Colonials of high denominations, is, of course, intended merely for use as revenue and to class it as a postage stamp is absurd.

In spite of the sneers of some so-called "superior" people, there can be no doubt that stamp collecting is not only a very interesting hobby, but also instructive. Every child should be encouraged to collect them if only for the increased knowledge of geography gained thereby. Stamp collecting is by no means confined to any one class of society. H. R. H. the King of England is an enthusiastic philatelist, and his collection is probably one of the most valuable in existence.

An enterprising statistician has already figured out that there are in use at present 535 varieties of British and British Colonial stamps, having a face value of \$320, bearing the portrait of King Edward, and which will presumably have to be changed within the next few years.

The first King George stamps bid fair to appear more promptly than was the case after Victoria's death. We are informed that new designs for the Great Britain set have already been submitted for the King's approval.

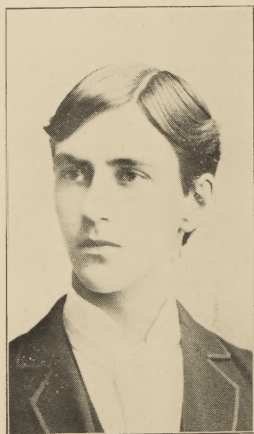
Why when the Trade X advertising rate is the same in many papers does the WEST carry the largest Want and X ad pages? Because WEST Want and X ads bring best results. Rates 2c per word per insertion. Contract, 1c per word.



A. Peterson, Jr., of Kansas.

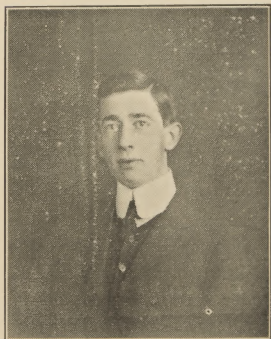


C. J. Richard, Plessteville, Que. Canada.



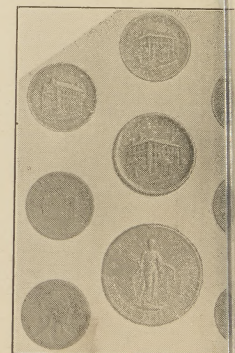
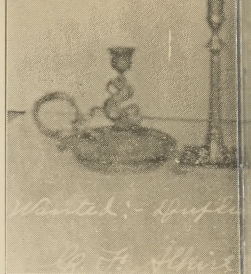
Rev. J. Dejung, Jr., Rhineland, Wis.

W. Yard, Hillsborough, England.





Bear Rug - the largest mounted bear ever killed.



Wood's Medals, Galt, Ont.



Above are seen five Ancient Candle Holders of C. F. Alkire Sterling, O.

Another collection of J. Holzman Newark, N.J. See write up in last issue.

White Quail shot near Georgetown, Ohio, and mounted by F.A.W. Dean Alliance, O.





F. L. Goodman,
Liverpool, England



*The Latest Stamps.
See "New Issue Column"
By W. S. Lincoln*

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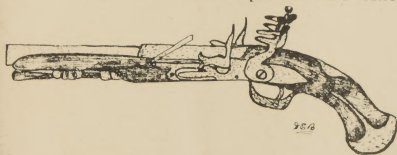


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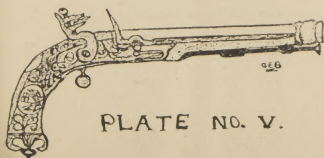
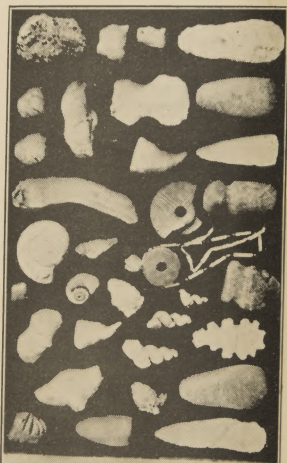
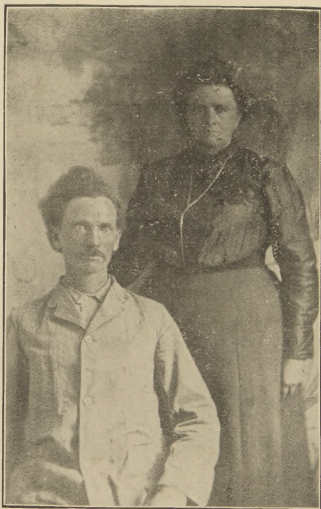
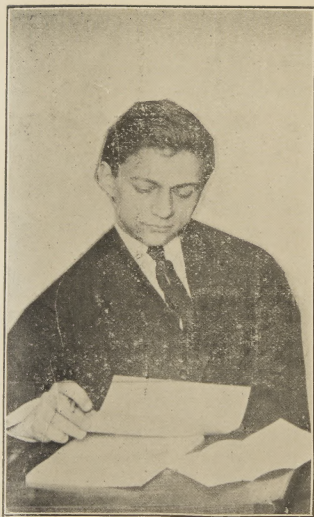


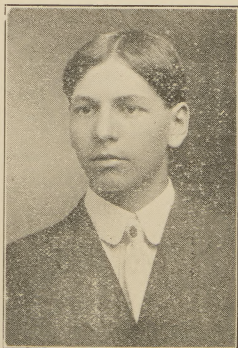
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*Indian Relics and Curios in
Collection of C. M. Thomas,
Siloam Springs, Ark.*



J. M. Harris, Pub., Pittsburg, Pa. T. S. Hill and wife, Moodys, Okla. See ad
E. J. Lawrence, Wolcott, Vt., see his ads. O. Booth, Prescott, Ia.





PHILOCARTY

The souvenir post card craze has reached large proportions in Europe as well as other countries, and a mighty fad in this country. Who has not become interested in this fascinating pursuit? Think of all the post card exchange clubs, etc.

Post cards are great time savers. In the old days before the card was invented those who spent their holidays in the country or by the sea gave descriptions of the places of interest that they visited by long tedious letters which always took up a certain amount of time which might otherwise have been spent in going about in the open air. But the postcard has almost been the death-blow to the long tiresome descriptive letter and now provides a very much more effective means of showing to your friends and relations the course of your travels.

The Daily Paper Post cards have become much in vogue. In Paris are seen such and they are sold the same as a daily newspaper. This quaint little Journal makes its appearance every day on the boulevards and gives in brief a report of the most important current events, together with an illustration, that of the first number showing a scene of some opera at some grand theatre. These La Carta Journals are sold for as small a price as one penny. Thirteen hundred men are engaged in the manufacture of post cards in Germany and it is estimated that over 100 designs are turned out each day. At a moderate estimate 100,000 cards are produced per day. There are hopes for this country yet.

From the Picture Post Card we have a good poem on Post cards as follows:

Of epidermis old or new	To danger we're not yet awake
'Gainst which the nation's fight is	While correspondence bright is
The most infectious one I trow	We court it for its own sweet sake
Is picture post-card-itis.	This picture post card-itis.
The Stamp collector in the shade	We cannot say how long 'twill stay
Discerneth where the light is.	But what we're safe to write is,
For now he's nowhere, hence his dread	Since every dog must have his day
Of picture post-card-itis.	Then so must post-card-itis.

The Post Card informs and entertains. It would take up too much space to note its many phases and sources. But every one knows its various good virtues and it's needless therefore to go into detail regarding its value.

Post cards in Japan are making an enormous headway in all styles. An ap-

deal for British post cards has been met by a very large quantity being sent to promote the friendship between one ally and Gr. Britain. During the Russo Japanese war the Japanese military authorities supplied many thousands of cards to the soldiers with one or two sentences already printed on them to encourage the soldiers to keep in touch with their relatives at home. No doubt this idea helped to allay the anxiety of the soldiers' friends, and tended to promote happiness among the soldiers themselves. The postal arrangements of the Japanese army and navy were far in advance of our own during the Boer War.

A beautiful card is seen of the famous winter Resort "Biarritz." Its wealth of brightly colored flowers, seen on the rocks on the sands, between the stones. On the sands are fringed pink and couvoloulus growing between stones. From there one sees the flower cards depicting the horned poppy, the cistus, the pink thrift and the yellow everlasting.

Bavaria comes in well for cards this year, for the famous Oberammergau cards, this being the year when the famous Passion Play is being reproduced, as it was ten years ago. Many fine cards are seen, showing scenes of the play and also of its various actors in their costumes. Many fine sights are seen of the Kopelberg at the foot of which lies the village. Various cards show the cottages occupied by the chief characters in the play of this strange village. A large wooden structure serves as the theatre in which over 5000 people can congregate.

The play begins at 8 a. m., and closes at 5 p. m. with an interval of one hour for the noonday meal, which becomes very interesting, as the people are being waited upon by those assuming characters in the play.

Here may be seen the greatest mixture of aristocrats, democrats, plutocrats, conservatives of the new regime, and often royal personages in disguise, in Alpine costumes and assumed names. Try to get some of these cards from Bavarian collectors or card manufacturers.

Heidelberg comes in swell for cards. "Als Heidleberg der feine Du Slodt an Ehren reich." etc., sings the Poet, and well he may. This ancient city is the seat of a great university and one of the oldest and finest educational institutions in the world. Imposing ruins of the Heidelberg Castle are seen on one card. The Neckar Valley is very picturesque, romantic and hard to describe.

Munich the capital of Bavaria, near the Alps has many fine views to show up. The city has been the center of German art for more than a century. Following the views are seen the monument of King Max Joseph, the Royal Palace, the Alte Residenz, the Konigsbau, the Allerheibgen Sofkirche, the Kaulbach Museum, the Bavarian National Museum, the Maxmilianeum and the Pina-Rothek. From the Rhine is seen the famous ruin "Furstenberg." Who has not seen the Rhine in pictures or read its legends? One can imagine how it winds among the craggy hills of splendid form and walls of rock and forest. Who would not like to see it in reality?

Pictorial post cards which many are good enough to send me from time to time, are another little attention which I appreciate very much. I have now quite an imposing collection obtained in this way. Just this last month I have to acknowledge with gratitude cards from Egypt, Palestine, Brazil, British Guiana, Canada, South Africa and the Federated Malay States, as well as some from the West Coast of Africa representing various types of dusky beauty.

Souvenir Card Collecting is no doubt one of the greatest fads of the 20th Century and without a doubt one of the most pleasant lines of collecting to follow.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles, etc., to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive, Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept. (Forest Gaines)

Eskimos of northern Alaska for ages have made axes and ornaments of a green jade, which, upon examination by experts, has been pronounced equal to any found in China and Japan. The Eskimos say that a whole mountain at the headwaters of the Kobuk river, in the Arctic circle, is composed of this jade. As jade occurs only in thin veins, it is believed that a jade reef, broken up by the erosion of a hillside, has been scattered as float over a large area, making the natives believe the green stone is the native rock. Dr. Philip, S. Smith and Dr. H. M. Eakin of the United States geological survey have sailed from Seattle for Alaska to solve the jade problem. From White Horse they will go down the Yukon by steamer to the mouth of the Koyukuk river and then ascend the Koyukuk to Bergman. By crossing a divide they will reach the unexplored Kobuk river country, which is known to contain gold, coal, copper and asbestos, besides the jade. The explorers will arrive at Nome in time to catch the last steamer for Seattle. During the summer they will examine the Squirrel river gravels, reported to contain gold.

For the purpose of reviewing the earlier work of the geological survey in the Bull mountain coal fields, and for completing the task in certain small sections, R. W. Richards and C. T. Lupton, connected with that department, recently left Billings, Montana, for the country in question. A map prepared by the survey shows that the coal fields embrace an immense area in the northern part of Yellowstone county, being far greater in extent than is popularly supposed, for several townships are included. The district extends east and west practically across the northern part of the county from township four north. At the present time no railroad penetrates this great field, the only line touching it being that of the Milwaukee, which has a short branch which crosses the Musselshell river at Roundup, which enters the field for a distance of about five miles on the Yellowstone county side of the river. It is said by the surveyors that this coal is of a quality practically the same as that found at Bear Creek and that it is of the same age. It ranges in depth from outcroppings at the surface to 1,000 feet with veins 14 inches to several feet in thickness. A large portion of the land is still held by the government, while the alternate sections are owned by the Northern Pacific Railway Co. The field is an immense one and its worth will be more forcibly realized as soon as a railroad is constructed to it from Billings, a distance of about forty-five miles. Preliminary reports on the field have been published by the geological survey and an added report on the eastern portion will be available next fall, with the final report forthcoming in the near future.

Send ten cents to the WEST for three numbers and have them sent to a friend who is interested WEST. 50 cents a year.

The Journal of a Naturalist

By Charles P. Alexander

(Continued from last issue).

At various places along the road, chipping sparrows, *Spitzella passerina*, Bechstein, and Field Sparrows, *Spigella pusilla*, Wilson; Least Flycatchers, *Empidonax minimus*, Baird; Phoebe, *Sayornis phoebe*, L.; Wilson's thrush, *Hylocichla fuscescens*, Steph., and Chestnut-sided Warbler—*Dendroica Pennsylvanica*, were common.

In the immediate vicinity of Woodworth's lake, the following birds were observed: Hermit Thrush, *Hylocichla* (I was surprised to see this species) and Olive backed Thrush, *H. ustulata swainsoni*; Least Flycatcher; Wood Pewee, *Myiochanes virens* L.; Scarlet Tanager, *Piranga erythromelas* (at least two pairs); Rose breasted grosbeak, *Zamelodia endoviciana*; and American Redstart, *Setophaga ruticilla*, on the south shore in the morning. American Robin, *Planesticus migratoria*, L. here, in the afternoon. A humming bird, *Archilochus colubris*, at the camp on east end of lake; Night-hawk, *Chordeiles virginianus*, L., two, flying across the lake toward sunset.

Canadian warbler, two, at camp, four p. m.; Red eyed Vireo, *Vireosylva olivaceus*, L., a pair singing in back of camp, and American Crow, *Corvus brachyrhynchos*, about fifty of which flew over the camp in the morning.

A single specimen each of three dragon flies were taken, all in somewhat general condition. The Aeschinids, *Basiaeschna janata*, Say at Woodworths; and *Cordulegaster diastopa*, selys, at Van Denburg's; the Libellulice, *Cordulia shuttleffi*; Scudder, at Woodworths. The weather was splendid and except for the terrible flies, we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

May 31, '09. Our last day at the lake dawned bright and clear. The flies were up with the sun and eager to get at us when we arose. We decided to explore Myers' clearing, a large tract of lumbered off land, lying a mile southeast of Woodworth's lake. The trip to the clearing was uneventful, the loud drumming of a woodpecker far over in the wood attracted my attention and I decided to investigate. After fifteen minutes stealthy search, I spied the bird, a female sapsucker, low down on the trunk of a huge dead stump. In the clearing, the Red-eyed Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*, L., was common in the brush piles black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated green Warblers, *Dendroica virens*, L., and Chestnut sided warblers were observed, in the tree along the clearing, a male of the first had a grub in its bill.

Chimney swifts, *Chaetura pelagica*, L., were numerous, flying over the clearing, far from any habitation of man. There are plenty of hollow trunks where they can breed. We experienced considerable difficulty in making our way out of the clearing. As we approached the lake, Olive backed and Wood Thrushes were observed; a few gold finches, *Astragalinus tristis*, L., flew over the lake.

In the afternoon I walked around the north shore of the lake, and had the good fortune to flush a Hermit Thrush, *Hylocichla guttata pallasu* from its nest. The nest was built on the ground, forty feet from the lake, placed under a crippled willow, somewhat hidden by dead fern stalks, etc. The nest was composed of a thick, soft moss, dried leaves, coarse and fine weed stalks, matted and intertwined, lined entirely with the red stems of the common hair cap moss, *Polytrichum commune*, L., which were nicely woven together, somewhat as pine needles are generally used. The nest presented the following dimensions: external diameter, 5.37

in.; internal diameter 3 in.; external depth 3 in.; internal depth 1.5 in. The eggs were four in number nearly one half incubated. The texture is moderately fine, shape ovate or slightly elongate-ovate, pale greenish blue, a lighter shade than in the eggs of the robin. They measured: (1) .96x.63 in.; (2) .94x.63 in.; (3) .925x.645 in.; (4) .93x.65 in.

The black flies became fearfully obnoxious as we were departing near sunset, and made packing up exceedingly difficult. We had a good carry along the wood road and arrived at Mountain Lake, torn, scratched, bitten all over, but still happy in the possession of invaluable specimens.

"INDIAN SIGNS" NEAR NEW ALBANY, IND —By F. C. Greene.

Many Indian and mound-builder implements have been found near New Albany, but they are "collected" and soon all ideas of where they were found are lost. What little I have collected has been done in a systematic way and the specimens properly labelled, many notes being taken.

Just east of N. A. on a high bank of the Ohio River is the "village site," so called from having the appearance of a dwelling place and workshop. Numerous flint chips are scattered over the surface. Many kinds of flint are seen but the predominating is the black flint of the Wyandotte cave quarry. One of the striking features of the "site" are the angular fragments of quartzite pebbles, which are very numerous. Quartzite is a very hard substance and the manner in which the pebbles have been broken is a puzzle. The fragments may be discarded hammer stones which would not stand the test or they may be the result of throwing the boulders, heated into water, in order to heat the water. I have seen only one fragment of pottery from this place.

Proceeding eastward up the river, the Clarksville burying ground is reached after crossing Silver Creek. This rich locality has given specimens to nearly all the museums of the country. It appears that the whole river bank for several hundred yards back, is an immense graveyard. Each winter the greedy Ohio cuts into this bank, so that bones and implements are exposed to those who seek them.

By digging into the bank about three feet from the surface, one is almost certain to unearth a skeleton, surrounded by an irregular mass of rock slabs. In the middle of one skeleton, the writer found a perfect spear point of $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches with a twist to it of almost mathematical exactness. The earth in the graves is of a reddish color as though it had been burnt, and scattered through it are disintegrated shells of Anio and Pleurocera (fresh water snails). The spears and arrows found are of light colored material, in the main, and are barbless but shouldered.

Back from the river at a distance of two hundred yards is what appears to be the remains of a mound, though it has been plowed over so many times, that no elevation remains. On going through the field in which it is situated, one suddenly notices that the furrowed earth is strewn with fragments of bones and pottery. The writer has picked up here on several occasions, 5, 6 or 7 arrow heads in almost as many minutes. And herein is a story—out of twelve, which show a set, twelve have triangular barbs, either flat or slightly rounded. Fragments of pottery, up to 3 and 4 inches in diameter, are numerous. They are red or black, and are speckled with crushed Unio shells. What their idea was in mixing crushed shells with the pottery clay, constitutes another puzzle.

Seed Vessels of many varieties of plants when completely ripe explode, scattering the seeds to considerable distances.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 15th of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
9. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia, three months.
10. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

COMPLAINTS.

1995. E. F. Corge complains of 1764, 1777, 1799, 1967.
1918. H. H. Schrouder complains of 1885, 1660.
1951. W. S. Hicks complains of 1784, 1921, 1956.
2005. J. M. Kneipp Jr., complains of 1561, 1665, 1996, 1970, 1895.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire during August. Please renew at once: 1066, 1143, 1174, 1180, 1550, 1846, 1847, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868.

NOTICE.

The July circular of the UNION contains, besides other interesting information, a page of German and French translations of expressions much used in card exchanging. Every member should possess a copy, and same may be procured from the Secretary for a stamp to pay postage. It will also be sent to non-members for a two cent stamp.

RENEWALS

500. Andre Perlet, 50 Rue Molitor, Paris XVI, France.
1128. Delia H. Robinson, Argyle, New York.
1837. Miss Lillian F. Bohl, 124 Randolph Ave., Peoria, Ill.
1848. Auguste Salze, Enclos Tissie-Sarrus, Montpelier, France, Desires views of theatres and court houses only.

NEW MEMBERS.

2028. N. P. Barron, Masonville, Iowa, sends first to U. S. members.
2029. Charles Hiaumet, Vandervoort, Arkansas, always sends the first card.
2030. J. Roy McFarren, 1120 No. 17th St., Omaha, Nebraska, desires foreign only unless otherwise arranged.
2031. Arthur L. Kubitz, Beaver Creek, Minnesota, wants a card from every foreign member; prompt reply.
2032. H. S. Graham, Lubbock, Texas, answers promptly all cards sent.
2033. Carl Laumann, 715 Third St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.
2034. Calvin T. Case, 2018 California St., Omaha, Neb., U. S. and foreign views; especially Island possessions.

THE INDIAN'S BLANKET.

There are two important factors that, in the mind of the brave, must be present to comprise a genuine Indian blanket, and the skill and judgment he exercises in making his selection is worthy of mention. Whether he is to possess one or twenty blankets has nothing to do with the great care used in selecting them.

His first demand is that the robe contain three colors—red, yellow and green, usually one of the three being the prevailing shade.

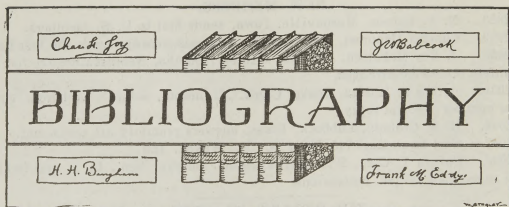
Secondly, he demands that the blanket have three bold stripes—all the same pattern and carrying the same colors—two being ten inches from each edge of the robe, while the third and center stripe is a trifle wider and also runs the entire length of the blanket.

When the blanket is worn by the Indian the centre stripe falls in the middle of the back, giving the tall and stately effect so much desired.

If perchance the Indian is in mourning, the pattern is not changed, but the blanket contains only dark blue and black as colors. The manner in which the Indian wraps his blanket about him denotes very often his state of mind. Grief or sorrow, for instance, would be marked by the blanket being drawn over the lower portion of the face, leaving exposed the nose and eyes only.

There is no article of wearing apparel as much used as the blanket by the Indian. As a saddle while riding his pony, a shelter or bed while hunting or fishing, carefully hung about the sides and bottom of his tepee during the winter, and an indispensable covering the entire year, the blanket is ever in use.

Even on the hottest summer days an Indian would be laughed at by members of his tribe should he leave off wearing his blanket. His theory is that if "it keeps out the cold in the winter it will keep out the heat in summer." While he may not care to buy anything else expensive, the price of a suitable blanket is never questioned, but it would be difficult indeed to deceive him as to the texture of any robe. A squaw will imitate almost anything that pleases her fancy, but in the matter of her blanket or shawl she exhibits an unusual amount of individuality. With great care and patience she designs her blanket, and when she places the order with the mill man he does not dare duplicate it until she has had an opportunity to wear it. If she makes the request that he shall not duplicate it, her wishes are regarded, because it is the one article she possesses in which exclusiveness is much coveted. And also because what would please one squaw would not appear at all attractive to another. The light weight blanket or shawl is thrown over her head, and unless she is able to purchase a bright colored silk kerchief, it will serve as her only bonnet as well. It is as common to see the papoose bound on the back of its mother by a portion of her blanket, as it used to be to see the head of the Indian babe peeping from the "tekas," or frame cradle which was carried on the back of the mother.



Talks on Old Books, Prints and Chinas

By D. L. P.

(Continued from last issue).

This means the absolute destruction and annihilation of thousands of rare books with fine prints and engravings for they are simply broken up and the text thrown away, and plates alone used. Suppose for instance, a wealthy Colonial dame or dandy of the Revolution whose ancestor perhaps fought at Bunker Hill or Battle of Cowpens, wishes to get up a genealogical tree of the family or ancestor. They gather up all the available genealogical data, procure as many as possible of prints, news, plates, maps bearing on the above engagements rare and valuable autograph letters of Generals participating in those memorable fights, embody them all in a bulky volume handsomely bound. This of course, is a valuable family record—something to be proud of, etc., something unique—only thing of its kind—a thing to be prized and handed down in the family. But it is pitiable to think how many rare books have been sacrificed in the make up and the thousands of rare prints that are forever perhaps, withdrawn from the commercial market. One can readily realize in the light of such proceedings why old books are becoming scarce and bring advanced prices year by year. Then, too, the art of engraving on copper and steel is an extinct art, there being but few such engravers today except those employed by the Bank Note Companies or Government, and the beautiful and exquisite prints in line, stippel, and mezzotint of the early American engravers are becoming excessively rare and some of their portraits of widely known celebrities bring enormous prices.

With the rise in values in old Colonial books, prints, etc., there has been a corresponding rise in the value of old views of towns, cities and historic places of the U. S. When we realize how young our country is, what marvelous changes in make up, lay out and physical configuration of our villages, towns, cities from pioneer huts, growing villas to stately and populous cities with majestic sky scrapers, it is extremely important that the generations after us shall have some idea of our remarkable growth and realize from what humble beginnings we started—what the old homesteads, old streets, byways of the towns looked like in the marching progress of change and evolution. Consequently everything old in the history of our larger towns and cities development is eagerly sought for—old prints, views, maps, plans, etc., (these are rapidly rising in value.) In a recent sale of a very large collection of old views of New York the prices realized were simply phenomenal. Currier & Ives old colored lithographs of street scenes in

New York about 50 or 75 years ago that used to go begging at time of printing for 25 or 50 cents almost fetched as many dollars. Even old woodcuts from contemporaneous books, magazines and newspapers of old buildings, business houses and blocks that existed 50 or more years ago but now only a vague memory, fetched very good prices.

Verily the time is coming in this country when anything and everything OLD will have a commercial value. Some one will want it for some purpose. The antiquarian taste is only just developing among our people and the values that now we place on old things these days, will fade into insignificance in the higher values of tomorrow or 10 or 20 years hence. The craze for the antique in old colonial china or porcelain or even old stone or earthen tulip ware has sent the prices of these once little valued things sky-high. I picked up the other day 3 pieces of old quaint china with an exquisite purple glaze and a perfect gem of a copper-lustre pitcher for a few dollars. The owners thought they had "pinched" me and rather apologetically spoke of its uselessness to them and relief to be rid of it. I did not feel at all "stung" for I happen to know a china collector enthusiast in the city that would gladly give me fifteen or twenty dollars for my purchase. So in conclusion my advice is ANYTHING old, pretty, artistic, and I emphasize the word artistic, for decorative purposes, buy at moderate prices. It's almost certain to rise in value and net you a handsome profit on your investment.

THE INSECT WORLD.

Professor Henry Skinner, of the Academy of Natural Sciences, in lecturing on insect collecting recently said that:

A book on Central American biology mentions 30,114 insect species belonging to that locality.

With 2,000,000 insect species in the world and only 200,000 described to date —at 5600 per annum it would take 340 years to describe the remaining million odd; and even then entomology would be comparatively in its infancy, for classifying is only preparatory to further investigation.

In Central America one small family of beetles exceeds in number of species the entire mammalia.

There are in the United States 110 apiarian societies, eight journals devoted to bee culture, 15 steam factories kept constantly manufacturing materials for the 300,000 bee culturists, and the annual product of honey in the United States is 63,894,186 pounds.

According to the eleventh United States census, the annual output of honey and wax was valued at \$7,000,000.

The present estimated value of bee products is \$20,000,000 per annum.

The cochineal bug (which supplies the coloring matter in carmine) is so tiny that 70,000 weigh only one pound. The female cochineal bug is wingless and there are two hundred females to one male. In one year the exports of cochineal from the Canary Islands amounted to 6,310,000 pounds, valued at \$4,000,000.

AN OLD DRUM.

Aleck Phillips, one of the early settlers of Guide Rock, Nebr., and a veteran of the civil war, has in his possession a drum which was beaten at the battle of the Brandywine in the Revolutionary war. How it came into the hands of Mr. Phillips, we do not know. If it were, as was probably the case, handed down from father to son as an heirloom in the family it is a priceless possession.



EDITOR'S NOTE.—Publishers of archaeological journals and books, are requested to send copies for review, to address below. Also desire notes and clippings of archaeological interest. Proper credit given to all correspondents. David B. Emert Dawson, Shelby Co., Ohio.

The following clippings were sent in by C. H. Steinbarger of Mendon, Mich:

Ann Arbor, Mich., June 9.—G. P. Benton, a retired farmer of this city, has just received a letter from Harlin T. Smith, of the American Museum of Natural History of New York city, which tells him all about a certain piece of brass which he plowed up on his farm 12 years ago, and about which he has repeatedly tried to find out. It looks like a small axe head, built on the lines of a tomahawk. It is of solid brass and runs to sevens. A perfect figure seven is noticed on one side of the round part into which the handle would fit if it were a tomahawk. On the blade there is a vine with seven leaves and around the round part is a vine with twice seven leaves. In seven places on the implement there are seven circles in a cluster.

Many curators of museums in Grand Rapids, Lansing, Detroit and even in Canada, have examined the little piece of brass, which is probably five inches long and not in any place over two inches in width, and they have many times called the vine an acacia branch. Of the curio Mr. Smith writes:

"It is a brass pipe tomahawk, known as a trade ax. They were made by Europeans and sold to Indians in this country. The handle is hollow (there was no handle found with this), and is used as a pipe stem. Several of these pipes have been found in Canada and on the New York reservations, but I have never heard of any found in Michigan before."

Mr. Benton plowed this up on his farm near Northville. The farm was taken up by his father in 1823, and the pipe must have been left there by the Indians long prior to that time, as there were no Indians in that vicinity for years before the farm was taken up.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—The first shipment of pre-historic bones collected by the German expedition in German East Africa comprising 46 large boxes, reached the Berlin Paleontological museum today.

Reports from the explorers indicate that they have been highly successful in finding important specimens. One of the most treasured is a thigh bone which measures 6 feet, 11¼ inches as compared with the 4 feet 11 inches measurement of the corresponding bone of the American *diplococus*. The African specimen is the largest femur in existence, it is claimed.

The explorers have reached the conclusion that the African Saurians were direct progeny of those whose remains were found in Wyoming. The expedition was dispatched by the government to investigate the remains of antediluvian animals discovered by Professor Fraas of Stuttgart in 1907 in the southern part of German East Africa and to make more thorough search.

A Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors

By George J. Remsburg

W. F. Clendenin, of Sparta, Ill., writes as follows: "In your July number, under 'Kolumn for Kansas Kollectors,' I notice the item regarding the 'Dix' copper. These are common, I know; I have a specimen in my collection, same classed under 'Civil War Tokens.' The Government issued the 'white cents' from 1856 to 1865—during the Civil War period—but it seems not in sufficient quantities to meet demands, and merchants, at this time, issued the 'tokens' bearing suitable inscriptions, redeemable by them. Many 'tokens' however, were issued similar to this 'Dix' copper, redeemable by nobody. What service did they do? Did they pass for cents, or not? Have never seen any definite statement regarding these pieces. Somebody had to 'put up' for their issuance. Why?" Who can answer Mr. Clendenin's queries?

Mr. W. P. Campbell, custodian of the Oklahoma Historical Society, kindly sends us a copy of the Society's organ, 'Historia,' a quarterly publication issued by Mr. Campbell at Oklahoma City. It is an interesting little paper, containing much on the history and Indians of Oklahoma, and shows that the Oklahoma Historical Society is doing a good work.

While rumaging through some papers recently, George L. Andrews, 3140 Smart Avenue, found one of the bronze medals commemorating the building of the first ocean to ocean railway. They were issued by the government and few are in existence. Mr. Andrews, one of the pioneer railroad men of the West, was a conductor out of Kansas City on the Missouri Valley Railway, now a part of the Burlington System. He, with two other employes of the road, wrote to Washington and were given medals. On one side of the medal is engraved President Grant's likeness and under it the words: "The Oceans United by Railway—May 10, 1869." On the back is an engraving showing a train going over a mountain range and the words: "Even mountain shall be made low."—Kansas City Star.

John M. Loper, of Pomona, Kans., owns an interesting relic of the Quantrell raid at Lawrence, Kas., in the shape of an old revolver found in Lawrence. The weapon is what may be called a six shot double action cap and ball revolver, and was made in 1860 on patents issued in 1856. Of the two triggers the larger with the ring was used to raise the hammer, while the smaller released it and fired the shot. When found the old revolver was broken, giving the impression that it was used in the raid and discarded when it got out of order.

WORLD'S COSTLIEST BOOK.

London, July 2.—Perhaps the costliest book of its size (apart from ancient and rare volumes) is the 'Official History of the South African War,' the final volume of which has just been published. The four volumes contain 2,603 pages, and the total cost of producing the work was \$170,000. Eight years' work for many hands is represented in the four volumes. The first volume appeared in 1906 and the second the following year, but after volume 3 was published in 1908 nothing came out until the month of June, 1910. To obtain fullness and absolute accuracy of detail tons of documents have been examined and arranged. They included official dispatches, officers' private letters, newspaper reports and even letters written home by Tommy Atkins. Not a single error in spelling the weird place-names of the Transvaal or in an officer's initials has been discovered.

Bones and Relics of Strange Race Found

By Fred Whittemore

(Continued from last issue.) A hunting knife, with bronze handle of a fancy pattern, was with one, another had a glass bottle lying close by the hip, in a manner suggesting it had been fastened to a belt, red vermillion paint was occasionally noticed among some of the remains, a few lumps of which we were able to save. Little bronze jingle bells were found in two instances. One was a strand of thirteen bells strung on a silk ribbon and tied in a double bow knot, the ribbon preserved entire. This string of bells and the imprints of the blanket were all there we left in this grave. It would suggest the grave of a child, the soft bones having decayed and disappeared. Silk is susceptible of extended preservation, as other pieces of silk with fine needle work were found. Who knows but what the silk represents the apparel of some white lady, probably the murdered wife of one of Iowa's early missionaries.

A small chunk of dried root or tuber of the water lily, *Nelumbium spesrosium*, was found with the one that had the bottle. Indians have used this root as a food. A silver buckle or brooch shaped ornament was found with one. It is circular shaped with a single buckle tongue, finely engraved. Six silver brooches identical with this one were taken from a mound in Prairie du Chien, Wis., several years ago. None of the bones were well enough preserved to save an entire skeleton, although we have saved three fairly well preserved skulls and a number of other bones. One remarkable thing here was that one of the skulls had the mouth wide open, extended to five inches between the teeth. In the cultivated fields a few rods east of the graves is a large obliterated shell heap, the shells being very much decayed and broken in fragments. They are of the common river clams that could have been taken from the river but a few yards distant. We searched here for material to bear us out in the theory as a workshop site, but failing to find evidence we concluded it is probably a kitchenmidden where they prepared clams and other articles for food.

Who were the mysterious people of this historic spot is the question to solve. The oldest residents of the vicinity through their families before them for seventy years back, have no remembrance of Indians residing there or burying there. Now let us reason a little. If we may accept their statements, our best preserved specimens skeletons and other articles are then at the very least seventy years old or more. Then if those in fairly good preservation be seventy years of age, how old would the imprints be where they are reduced to a mere outline? Is it not reasonable to suppose they would be about three times as old? Among the different modes of burial of the North American Indians may be mentioned the following: Tree burial scaffold, canoe, lodge, urns, cave, mound, box, grave. The Innuits of Yukon, the Ingaliks of Ulukuk and other Alaskan tribes, also the Creeks of Indian Territory, the Choctaws and Cherokees are all known to have buried their dead in wooden boxes above ground. The early Wah-peton and sisseton Sioux of Dakota buried their warriors by wrapping them in blankets, placed in a wooden box, and finally buried the whole in the ground generally with the heads to the west. The Chippewas of Wisconsin buried in a box on a scaffold, then removed to the ground. The Musquakies of Tama county which are remnants of the Sac and Fox, bury in boxes. They have also been known to bury a bottle of water with other provisions to nourish the spirit to the happy hunting grounds. We would hardly suppose our graves to belong to any of the first mentioned, even if they did use boxes, as they

rarely transferred them to the ground. But from the mode of burial, would we not place them with either the Sioux or Sac and Foxes? This would also be more reasonable from the fact that we know them to have been among the early inhabitants of the territory. A comparison of many articles go to bear out this theory. The bottle compares with the Sac and Foxes, the shell gorget is the same as one I have taken from the living Sioux, also the jingle bells, as well as by the Musquakies. I have shell tubes from the living Sioux which are identical with the ones of this find. So much tallies very well, but what about the silver brooch or buckle. That is a duplicate of the ones found in the mounds of Wisconsin. It may be that this was an intrinsic mound containing a grave of some later tribes which they sometimes do. By a careful weighing all around, our conclusion would be that our graves are a splendid representation of the once thrifty and powerful nation of the Sioux, and that the graves in part antedate the advent of the white man. The first settlements of whites in this state were in Lee county and from there the settlement strung along up the Mississippi and Des Moines river. Our Sioux manufactured their own wampum and many articles and bartered the balance from these early whites. Black locust trees two feet in diameter are growing upon some of the graves which alone is proof of great age.



The 78th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, July 1st, the following members being present: Messrs. Ripstra, J. T. Kelly, Green, Verkler, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Simpson, Vercouter, Jochem, Blumenschein and Baker. A communication was received from Mr. Sigmund Krausz with greetings to the Society from Paris, France.

Mr. W. F. Dunham presented his ready finding list for Hard Times Tokens; and a book on Early Christian Numismatics by C. W. King from Mr. G. W. Tracy. Mr. Brand exhibited a set of old Bombay gold coinage consisting of the quarter, half and one mohur, also the quarter, half and one cent of Straits Settlements in gold proofs and a two dollar gold piece of New Foundland dated 1865. Mr. W. F. showed a number of Presidential and other medals.

A. N. A. matters were discussed at considerable length, and the Secretary was instructed to notify all resident members that convention matters would be taken up for further discussion at the August meeting.

Magazines received since last report were: Spink's Circular for June and the Numismatist for May-June. There were also received a report of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Philadelphia and auction catalog from Elder, catalog with fixed prices from St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co., and a priced catalog from Low. Adjourned to meet August 5th, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

Egyptian scarabs are favorite objects among collectors of antiquities. These pleasing little relics of that ancient people, so many of whose monuments and obelisks have found their way into this country, may frequently be met with. They are not expensive, considering their age and beauty, and they can often be purchased for a small sum. The scarab was the favorite insignia of both men and women, and was worn as a charm to protect from harm, and ensure qualities to make their owners attractive.

A TRIP AFTER ARROWHEADS IN UTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

By Leo C. Thorne.

One Friday evening early in September, my brother, Gerald, and I decided to spend the following day in the hills hunting arrowheads near a place known as the old Sloanacre ranch on Little Brush creek. Accordingly we were up by 3:30 Saturday morning and after eating a hasty breakfast we took a pan of grain, our bridles and went to the north field to catch our horses. We were living on the old farm, two and a half miles north of Vernal, Umtah county, Utah, then. As 'twas yet dark we had some trouble in telling our riding horses from the rest of the band. They all pretended to be afraid of us too. We finally told Old Nig by his being so much taller than the others and after catching him, Gerald, by getting down to the ground so the band would be silhouetted against the sky, made out Nell (his horse) by the shape of her ears which turn in more than usual at the top—a sign, they say, that denotes trustiness, but in her case it was a fake for a more treacherous little beast never walked on four feet. After going back to the house and saddling up we were ready to start.

We took a loaf of bread and some butter along for lunch which was something unusual for us. We usually depended on killing game for dinner. But game of any kind was very scarce that fall. We left home at quarter after four, going up the Steinaker draw. We rode rather fast, for after we got to the country where the Indians camped our horses would have plenty of time for rest. We crossed Big Brush creek ten miles from home a little after sun-up. About a mile farther on we reached the top of the divide between Big Brush creek and Cottonwood Wash, so called from the large cottonwood trees that grow in it. There is some grass, lots of buffalo berry brush and a small spring in it, also. Just to the left of the road we found a camp on which we found two or three arrow heads. Recrossing the road we followed along the top of the divide finding evidence of camps, but all of them were buried by the drifting sand. All that we found in the last half mile of the chain of camps was a piece of a large spear head or knife. When we had arrived near the place where Big Brush creek and Cottonwood Wash join and were in the act of turning back, we came across the tracks of two big buck deer. That was unlooked for luck, and we commenced kicking ourselves for not bringing our 30-30 rifle along. The tracks were fresh and headed toward the big wash. We quit lamenting the absence of the larger gun, however, for Gerald had a 22 calibre rifle and I my Colts six-shooter, with which we both had killed deer in Colorado.

We circled to the north to get the slight breeze in our favor, for a deer has as keen a scent as any of the game animals. We expected to find them lying down in a large bunch of buffalo berry bushes down in the wash. After half an hour of careful stalking we came upon their tracks where they came out of the thicket headed toward Little Brush creek. We followed them to where they crossed Little Brush creek and as they kept headed straight for the breaks of Diamond Mountain, we gave them up and started off to hunt arrow heads again.

While we were stalking the deer we came upon one of the finest Indian mills we have ever found. As we had no way of taking it with us, we hid it by laying it upside down under a cedar tree so that it looked like any of the numerous boulders lying around that country. We expected to get it some time in the future. By and by we came upon a very large camp ground near Little Brush creek, but it was nearly all buried by the drifting sand.

I found a large club head and a small spear head which was all we got from there worth carrying home. There was lots of evidence, however, that it had been a favorite camping ground of that long-departed

race (for I do not believe they were Indians, though we speak of them as such). The camp was perhaps a quarter of a mile in length. Starting on the level and sloping up to the north forming a long, sunny slope for the wickiups, till it reached a height of several hundred feet, then terminating in a perpendicular cliff, from the top of which their lookout or sentinel could see the surrounding country for miles and miles. And which effectually prevented a surprise from the north by an enemy. The ground everywhere was strewn with chips of flint, broken mills, pestles and pottery with numerous places burned black where their camp fires once blazed so brightly, many of which still contained the burned rocks which they used to hold their cooking utensils in place in the fire. Or, perhaps, they were heated hot then dropped into a tightly woven willow basket that contained the soup for dinner which was boiled in that way. After rolling rocks for a while from the cliff (a sport I shall never get too old to enjoy) and taking a picture of the trail that wound up the narrow valley we went back to our horses which we had left tied in the shade of some cedars. We rode off to the southwest till we came to the Big Brush creek again about seven miles below where we crossed it in the morning. It was about two thirty, so we unsaddled our horses and watered them. Then while they were eating some oats we had tied on our saddles we built a fire and roasted a couple of rabbits we had killed during the day, to eat with our loaf of bread. After an hour's rest we saddled up again and rode home, getting there a little after dark, tired but happy. We had traveled forty or fifty miles, taken one picture and found eight or ten whole relics, the most of which were in my pockets, it being the only day out of the many we have hunted together that I found the most.

The continued explorations along the river in the eastern part of Nebraska and several streams adjacent to that territory is still bringing to light many specimens of the long departed races that built cities and lived for unknown centuries along our eastern borders.

Readers of this magazine are familiar with many of the recent discoveries of the Gilder explorations and it will be of added interest to those interested in solving the questions of the migration of these early races to know that the writer is finding the identical articles as those illustrated in the Mandan book of the Peabody institute. In Sarpy, Douglass and Washington counties of this state the ancient ruins are almost identical with those a hundred miles farther south and the artifacts found in Dakota among known Mandan and Arikana ruins are the same as those found here, yet the distance is nearly 800 miles. The Mandan legends and records do not carry them back more than 200 years, and if as many suppose they were the builders of the house ruins scattered along the river, when did they live here? Assuming there is a remote possibility that their ancestors built at least some of these ruins, then how account for those found along the Republican river three hundred miles west and as far south as Arapaho, Okla.

Those who have done much excavating have noticed what would appear to be the ruins of separate and distinct races or tribes. The pottery is not the same and the types of artifacts are in many instances of a type differing from other ruins in the same locality. The writer has found no less than seven types of pottery in one village, with some varieties cached as though it may have been one of the treasured articles of the household.

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUE FIRE ARMS

—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning old fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PISTOLS OF ANTIQUITY.

One characteristic of modern firearms—the ability to fire several shots in quick succession through the same barrel—is very rarely seen in any of the ancient models of the pistol. Some of the most remarkable examples of the attempts of old gun masters to perfect a magazine gun or pistol are exhibited in the John Cookson breech-loading gun of 1586, the Nock Two-Shot Pistol of about 1760, and the Linsey patent rifles for the Civil War.

The first mentioned stands without competition as the most remarkable illustration of the ancient repeating guns and no doubt the second takes an important place in the evolution of the magazine pistol.

In the Figure IV (see illustrations,) I present a pen and ink sketch of the Nock pistol referred to above. As can be seen from the illustration this pistol has two locks but only one barrel and trigger. Two charges are fired from one barrel, the rear charge acts as a breech block for the forward charge—the forward charge being fired first by the left lock. The right side of this pistol is the same as on others of its time, while the lock plate on the left side contains a covered channel running from the flash pan forward about 2 inches to the flash hole. This channel has a separate cover from the flash pan, but is really an extension of it. The lock on the right side is not cocked until after the forward bullet is fired, thereby preventing both from being discharged at the same time.

Such pistols as the above are exceedingly rare.

Fig. V (See illustrations) is a drawing of a beautiful antique Scotch "Highlander," made by Murdock of steel and silver finely engraved. It has the knob trigger, a characteristic of Scotch pistols, and the peculiar claw butt. Length fourteen inches, cal. 50. Many of the "Highlanders" were used in different European armies, but few can be found today except in the large collections. A large number of these pistols were altered to percussion lock by screwing a nipple to the top of the barrel and replacing the flint in the jaws of the hammer with a piece of steel for striking the cap. By this arrangement the pistol could be used either as a flintlock or a percussion lock.

(The third article of this series will appear next month.)

The Society of Scottish Antiquaries owns a remarkable collar, fished out of the Forth above Alloa. It was of brass, with this inscription:—"Alexander Stewart, found guilty of death for theft at Perth, 5th of December, 1701 and gifted by the Justiciars as a perpetual servant to Sir John Aresken of Alva."

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Dear Members:— I am sorry that the members do not use the society more for their own special benefit. I have received this month the first complaint for several months and I would be glad to hear from every member who has any trouble with other members. I will publish next report complaints received this month unless satisfaction is made. I would like very much to have a list of about one hundred renewal members for next issue and a large list of new members.

2130. Miss Hobbelaar changed address to Mrs. M. W. Verbon, S. f. Ngelon, Djombang, Java., stamps.

2327. John A. Spahn, 3 years—340 1/2 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis., stamp dealer.

2328. L. Kahn, Indianapolis, Ind., 1196 So East St.

2329. G. L. Davis, LeRoy, Kans., curio collector.

2330. S. J. Elby, Moulton, Iowa; coins, medals.

2331. J. DeJung, Rhinelander, Wis., translator.

2332. H. Gross, Chicago, 103 E. Welton Pl.; curios, violins.

2333. J. Manro, Carlisle, Pa., R. 5; old papers.

2334. Rev. Myers, Shamokin, Pa.; Photos, stamps.

2335. Y. Lekun, Victoria, B. C. Canada; post cards.

2336. O. Smith, Evansville, Ind.; coins.

2337. F. Lynch, Nyack, N. Y.; stamps.

2338. Paul Vincent, Cairo, Egypt, Gen. Del.

2339. W. S. Lincoln, 2 Holles St., London, Eng.; post cards, stamps, albums.

2340. G. Cline, Bx 289, Hutchinson, Ks.; post cards, programs.

2341. Beebe Co, Yonkers, N. Y., Mail order lines.

2342. H. Schmidt, Chicago, 301 Southport Ave.; stamp dealer.

2343. A. Averill, Portland, Oreg., 144 Hawthorne Ave.; printer stamps,

2344. E. H. Halfham, Bx 198, Llamo, Tex.

post cards.

2344. F. Sherman, Pueblo, Colo., 229 W. 15 St., stamps.

Lincoln, dealer, complains the following got lo's from him which they have not returned: R. Masse, Dayton, O.; W. Vawter, Parkville, Mo.; R. Thornrose, Flatiron Bldg., N. Y.; J. Wrightley, Vancouver, B. C. Canada; M. Tabersky, N. Y. City.; W. Mackey, Bovey, Minn.; H. Patterson, Petersburg, Pa.; R. Shepard, Melrose rds., Mass.; F. Bonner, Worcester, Mass.; D Clark, Superior, Wis.; E. Cockshutt, Brantford, Ont., Canada; F. Hudson, Ft. Worth, Texas. Has any one else any complaints these parties?

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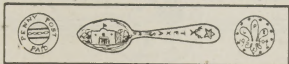
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LORD MAYOR'S GOLD CHAIN.—The insignia of the lord mayor of London's office is his gold chain. It dates from 1544, the reign of King Henry VIII, and is the oldest mayoral chain of office in existence. It is of pure gold and consists of 28 "S" links, alternating with enameled Tudor roses and knots of plain gold. In 1567, it was enlarged to its present length of 64 inches, the additional links so matching the old that it is impossible to distinguish them. A pendant or badge of the city arms was added in 1558, but this was lost, and the present cameo set in diamonds was acquired in 1607 and reset about 25 years ago. The collar and badge are valued at about \$20,000.



ODDS AND ENDS



The most gigantic annual plant ever observed is the *Anida Australis*, belonging to the *Amarantaceae*, a native of Florida. A specimen described by Mr. Baker in the *Kew Bulletin*, has branches of 22 feet or more.

Old English silver skewers are not to be picked up every day, but they are greatly prized by collectors. They are beautiful specimens of the silversmith's art, and the effect must have been unique when a boar's head or roast of beef or mutton was brought to the table with these ornamental pins showing; many of them were mounted with rabbits, squirrels and other 'game.'—Circle.

Caterpillar Nests. In early autumn, the tent caterpillar moth lays a cluster of 200 or 300 eggs in a circle around the twigs of apple and other trees and covers them with a glue-like secretion that protects them until they hatch in the following spring. In the bright days of winter, while the branches are bare, these clusters can be easily seen, and should be removed and destroyed.

Father Fitzgerald of Red Cloud, Nebr., visited the rock bluff on Beaver Creek, gathering some small stones which will be added to his extensive collection.

Send 10 cents for four copies of the *WEST—The magazine full of Hobbies*.

Elegant pieces of petrified wood are daily taken from the petrified forests of California, by tourists.

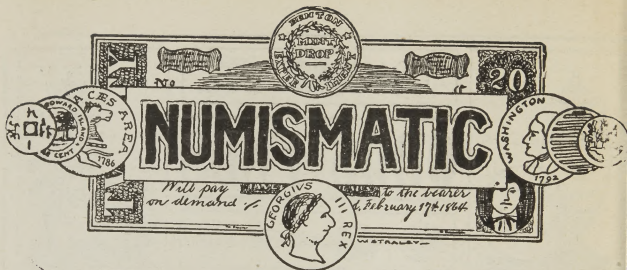
Wasps will eat anything from carrion to fruit. It is an especial enemy of all insects not of its own species.

Forty words in the English language are spelled the same forward and backward.

Parasitic plants, as well as parasitic insects, will not flourish save on the bodies of other organisms.

In the American Museum of Natural History is a wonder of marine life in the shape of a gigantic Japanese crab measuring twelve feet, making it the largest crustacean in the world. The specimen is a type of the spider crab, which inhabits the waters of the group of islands forming the Empire of Japan. The body portion of this mammoth crustacean is the size of a half-bushel measure while its two great arms, containing sawlike teeth, called "pincers," could easily encircle the figure of a man. Its eight legs resemble huge bamboo leops, and are extremely elastic.

M. Eberhardt, in a note to the *Academic des Sciences*, Paris, describes experiments on plants which tend to show that when they are grown in dry air their stems and leaves have a more complicated structure than when the air is moist.



Asiatic Coins

It is not necessary to be a proficient linguist or to understand the languages of Asiatic countries to be a collector of the coins of those peoples who possess long histories stretching back centuries before this country was civilized, although no doubt to those who can read native characters greater interest is attached to the specimens collected. The chief coins which will form such a cabinet are those of China and Japan, and afterwards to these can be added some of the smaller groups, such as the coins of Siam, Afghan and the older issues of Persian kings. The story of the coinage of all these vast countries which have existed for so many centuries would require many chapters to relate, but the object of this series of coin articles is rather to draw attention to the collectable coins which the numismatist may gather together, and to lead the specialist as he becomes more interested in coin collecting to seek the fuller information which may be gathered from books which have been specially written on the coinage of these separate countries.

China seems to have remained dormant so far as any advancement or progress in coins is concerned, for many centuries. The simple circular brass coins with square holes in the center commonly called "one cash" have been in circulation for hundreds of years. Sometimes they have been struck or cast in brass, and in a few rare instances in iron. Although so similar in appearance the characters on these coins vary, and tell to the student conclusively the dynasty under which they were struck. The catalogue of Chinese coins which is published by the British Museum Authorities contains a long list of the very interesting legends on some of these old coins, and as it is quite inexpensive would be useful to collectors who might by its aid decipher some of the legends of the coins they have, and when arranging them in a cabinet inscribe under them the English translation. These legends are like many other inscriptions on Chinese works of art and historical records, legends connected with their religion, and often simply platitudes about their home life, and sometimes good wishes to the owner of the coin. Thus such legends as the following may be seen:—"Luck brought house," "Friendship between husband and wife," "The three blessings fall upon you eternally," "May evil spirits perish"; to the warrior the legend of "The arrow of a general," would be inspiring, and to some the pious legend, "May the house protecting Gods give you peace," would be helpful.

In the early days the Chinese coins were shaped like knives, probably point-

ing to the fact that before there were any coins, knives were interchanged and served as a species of currency. These odd shaped knives in brass, although more than two thousand years old, can be bought for a shilling or two each, for they appear to have been preserved in China in large quantities. Another form of ancient Chinese currency was shaped like little spades, but all these are very old, for circular coins may be traced back to some 300 years B. C. Now and then collections of hundreds of these brass coins of China of various sizes and shape come into the market, and on more than one occasion have been sold for a few pounds. Indeed it would seem as if now was a good time to collect Chinese and Japanese coins, for the collectors are few and the value of the coins must in the future increase.

The Japanese coins which may be procured are to be met with in gold, silver and brass, the large oblong pieces may be bought for about sixpence each from the dealers. Oblong silver coins too, are interesting, and many have tried to secure them as watch charms. In Cochin China, some curious silver ingots were struck, and these too, can be bought for comparatively small sums. The Korean coins are similar to those of China and Japan, and have found their way to this country in large quantities.

Perhaps from this short account of the possibilities of a collection of Chinese and Japanese coins many of our readers will be induced to look out for the old coins, round brass ones with square holes, they may possess, and so gather a few more of these interesting pieces. Then by comparison they will find that although very similar to the casual observer the characters on them are different. Another reason why this group of coins appeals to antiquarians and curio collectors is because of their great age, for when most of the countries of Europe were in the savage and barbarous state China had a well advanced civilization, and was using these ancient spades, knives, ingots and circular coins which have been preserved in such numbers; so much so that the round brass coins, hundreds of years old, can be bought today from any coin dealer for a penny each.—English Paper.

Texas Notes--By W. Straley

S. B. Glazener of Houston, Texas, has in his possession a bit of paper money issued in North Carolina in 1778. It is for ten dollars and was printed by J. Davis.

J. C. Lees has a large collection of old and rare foreign and domestic coins on exhibition at the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank. Mr. Lees has been forty years making this collection and it is quite an interesting one.—Glen Rose (Texas) Herald.

Mr. W. McWheeny of Brownwood, who has spent some thirty years gathering a collection of curios, antiquities and books, has presented the same to Daniel Baker college of that city. Some three years ago, when the writer last saw the collection, Mr. McWheeny had refused an offer of \$30,000 for the exhibit. The college board in appreciation of the gift established the McWheeny permanent scholarship.—Hico (Texas) News-Review.

The best Philatelic Directory now before the public is the "20th Century Philatelic Directory" just issued by the B. L. Fuller Co., Washington, D. C. Fifty-six pages are devoted to up-to-date names and addresses, many from the most out of the way corners of the world. The price is 25c. Given free with yearly Subscription of WEST, when requested with subscriptions.

FOUR THOUSAND YEAR OLD DISCOVERY IN SWEDEN.

Wheat and Apples Well-Preserved, Found Among the Remains.—The First Discovery of Its Kind in Scandinavia.

The place lies at the edge of a marsh, right east of Alvastra railway hotel, in the province of Ostergotland, Sweden. Last summer, while digging trenches, the owner of the land made the first finds, consisting of nutshells, stone weapons, etc., which gave the impulse to this summer's scientific explorations.

Under Dr. Frodin's instructions a shaft, six feet deep and 600 square feet wide, was dug and on the bottom of this was found a culture-layer one foot thick. He found under this layer a floor built out of pine and birch logs, the majority of which were well preserved, even the yet white birchbark partly left. This floor covered an area of more than five hundred feet in under the layer of peat on both sides of the shaft, resting on poles about three inches and a half in diameter. Here, then, lay the floor of a pole building, the only one hitherto found, not only in Scandinavia, but in the whole of Northern Europe.

Remains of old pole dwellings have been found in the Alps, but, being built on the same principles, the one at Alcastra differs considerably from any of these central-European pole buildings. A geological research, undertaken by Dr. L. von Post, shows clearly that the Swedish pole dwelling was not, as those in Switzerland, erected in the lake proper, but built in a marsh on the sloping shore of the lake. The floor rested partly on the poles and partly on the ground, and the water had in an even stream run under the same. The inhabitants were here well protected from attack, from the land side and lake both, from the land on account of the inaccessible quagmire. In transporting themselves over the marsh narrow planks, of which traces have been found were used.

How large the old pole dwelling originally was can first, after continued excavations be fully ascertained. It is possible that others will be found in the vicinity. It is even certain, as neither the Swiss dwellings nor other kinds of aboriginal abodes found in Sweden appeared alone but in clusters.

Furthermore, the pole dwelling found has by no means been a "one-family" house. For on the floor lie numerous fire places, six on the hitherto cleared area. The logs surrounding them are charred and the stone slabs broken from the heat. That the house had not been partitioned off into small rooms is sure. On account of the close proximity of the fireplaces the partitions would have been charred. A large roof, made of hides or other material has probably covered the entire floor, as Dr. Frodin found remains of the narrow studdings.

The floor was covered with a ten inches thick layer of refuse, containing several interesting objects, such as, stone and flint weapons, bone awls and chisels, the latter exceptionally well preserved by the water, while the stone implements were badly corroded by the same. There were also found fragments of pottery, wild boar teeth, used for ornaments, masses of bones of wild boar and hart, which showed that these animals were plentiful at that time. Nut shells, charred apples, barley and wheat were found in abundance. Some of these are now in the National Museum at Stockholm, which honor they really deserve, as this museum contains many ancient rarities, but apples 4,000 years old it never before had the privilege to house. Indeed they are that old, for the dwelling refers back to the latter part of the stone age, or about 2,500 to 2,000 years B. C. Impressions of wheat have been found on ancient pottery, hence it is proved that wheat was known in that time, but this is the real original wheat of at least 4,000 years ago, and that is indeed something rare. Likewise with the apples, the first discovery of its kind in Scandinavia. A wooden hook was also found in a crack between two logs. This is the first wooden implement from these ancient times, found in Sweden in perfect condition.

Next year, when Mr. Frodin will study that, from a scientific view

point, most interesting part, namely the construction of the house, he hopes to find under the logs many more remarkable things, probably even remains of wearing apparel.

That, which is already found, bears witness, not only that the country around was rich and fertile, and inhabited by a people who lived in pole dwellings, but it also shows that these people stood in communication with other nations.

The flint implements show it—as all flint was imported—as does also a beautiful amber ornament in the shape of a double axe, a symbol of the diety, which was also found in the ruins.

The Government Antiquarian of Sweden, Mr. O. Montelius, says that this is undoubtedly the oldest remains of its kind, not only in Scandinavia, but in the whole world.

The attention of the scientific world has recently been centered in the discovery by the public that the two supposedly very large mounds 27 miles from the city of Mexico are not mounds at all, but stone pyramids built of solid basaltic rock. When the Spaniards first visited the ancient city of the Aztecs they noticed these two large mounds and supposed as has the public for several hundred years that they were in reality large hills shaped down by artificial means. The Mexican Government recently discovered they were pyramids and so ancient that the dust and dirt had completely covered them, in many places to a depth of more than fifty feet. Huge trees in many places were growing on them and brush and smaller vegetation had completely covered the sides.

It is believed they were built by the Toltecs, the forerunners, or perhaps ancestors, of the later tribes that inhabited Mexico. One of the pyramids, the larger, is called the Sun and the smaller seems to have been built to the Moon. They are connected by a stone paved roadway, called the path of the dead, more than two miles in length.

From excavations it would seem that the Pyramid of the Sun is the largest pyramid in the world, covering at its base more than fourteen acres and with a height of several hundred feet, making it by far the largest pyramid known.

The Mexican Government has a large force of men at work making explorations and, with a small army guarding the work it is extremely difficult for the public to even get near them. It is said by those in a position to know that the men in charge of the work have discovered secret passages into the larger pyramid, and are guarding them closely as they expect to find an immense amount of gold hidden in the interior.

Scientists are very much interested as the work progresses as it is believed by many that evidences will be found connecting the builders with the civilization of ancient Egypt. It has long been contended by western archaeologists that there is evidences in eastern Nebraska of the southern origin of those races who built the ancient ruins along the Missouri River, and with the recent Gilder explorations uncovering Egyptian types of carvings it only adds evidence that such races must have migrated from the south.

By S. P. Hughes.

Paul Mignon, Navasota, Texas, reports he was beat in the purchase of some Indian stone implements. It would be well for collectors before purchasing such relics to submit them to some competent authority and get their opinion. There have been a number of relics offered that have not the least resemblance to the genuine, either in workmanship or design.

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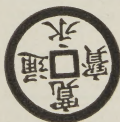
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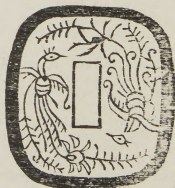
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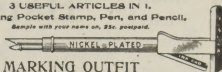
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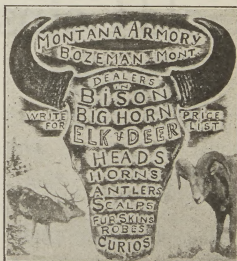
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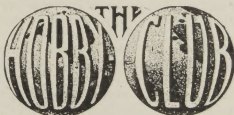
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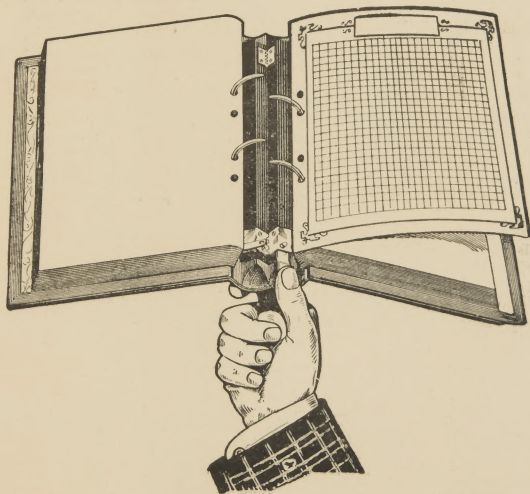
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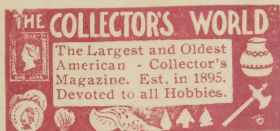
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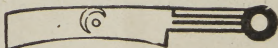
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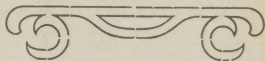
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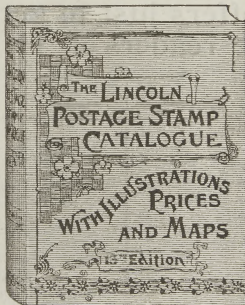
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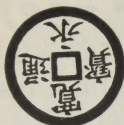
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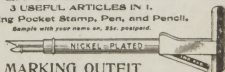
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1 to 1 Kr 14 var	.20	1.00	9.00
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	Per	100
1 Heller	.15	
2 "	.15	
5 "	.10	
6 "	.20	
10 "	.10	
20 "	.20	
12 " per 10	.12	
30 "	.12	
1 Krona "	.18	
2 " "	.40	

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1903 Prov Surch			
5 varieties	.35	1.60	15.00

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1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 50c	.17	1.10	9.00
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150 " " "			3.00
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	300	"	10	"	.85
	500	"	"	"	1.85
	800	"	"	"	.60
	1000	"	"	"	1.25
	1500	"	"	"	1.80
	2000	"	"	"	4.00
	3000	"	"	"	6.50
	4000	"	"	"	20.00
	5000	"	"	"	40.00
	6000	"	"	"	60.00
	8000	"	"	"	100.00
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2c " " " " entire 100	20c
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1c " " 1882 per 100	10c
3c " " " " 1000	35c
2c " " 1883 " "	25c
2c " " 1887 " "	50c
1c " " 1890 " "	25c
2c " " " " "	20c
4c " " " " "	1.00
8c " " " " "	4.00
10c " " " " "	.75
1c Columbian per 1000	1.00
2c " " " " "	.10
4c " " " " 100	.50
5c " " " " "	.50
10c " " " " "	1.00
3c " " 1895 per 100	.35
4c " " " " 1000	.75
5c " " " " 100	.08
8c " " " " "	.15
10c " " " " "	.20
5c " " 1898 " "	.08
10 " " " " "	.15
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1c " " Omaha per 100	.40
2c " " " " "	.15
1c " " Pan Am " "	.50
2c " " " " "	.20
4c " " " " "	1.50
6c 1902 " " "	.25
8c " " " " "	.15
13c " " " " "	1.50
15c " " " " "	.75
50c " " " " "	2.50
1c " " St Louis " "	.50
2c " " " " "	.15
1c " " Jamestown " "	.40
2c " " " " "	.15
5c " " " " "	3.00
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	1 real yellow	8
1872	½ real blue	4
	1 real orange	6
	1 peso rose	8
1881	1c yellow brown	1
	2c lake	1
	5c blue	1
	10c orange	1
	20c gray violet	2
	50c blue green	4
1887	1c blue green	1
	2c vermilion	1
	5c blue	1
	80c olive	10
1892	1c orange	1
	2c brown	1
	5c vermilion	2
	10c green	2
	20c red brown	5
	50c maroon	5
	1 sucre blue	5
	5 " purple	6
1894	1c blue	1
	2c brown	2
	5c green	2
	10c vermilion	3
	20c black	5
	50c orange	10
	1 sucre carmine	15
	5 sucre blue	30
1895	1c blue	2
	2c brown	3
	5c green	2
	10c vermilion	5
	20c black	5
	50c orange	15
	1 sucre carmine	25
	5 sucre blue	30
1896	1c green	1
	2c red	1
	5c blue	2
	10c bistre brown	3
	20c orange	5
	50c blue	6
	1 sucre yellow brown	10
	5 sucre violet	25
1896	Jubilee	
	1c rose	2
	2c blue	2
	5c green	2
	10c ochre	4
	20c red	2
	50c violet	5
	1 sucre orange	7
	1896 5c on 10c orange	8
	Same with inverted surch	15

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1896	10c on 4c brown	10c
	Same with inverted surch	25
1897	1c blue surch 1897-1898	5
1897	1c green	1
	2c orange red	1
	5c lake	2
	10c dark brown	2
	20c yellow	3
	50c dull blue	5
	1 sucre gray	7
	1 sucre lilac	25
1898	1c on 2c orange red	5
	5c on 10c brown	7
1899	1c gray, blue and black	1
	2c brown, lilac and black	1
	5c lake and black	1
	10c violet and black	2
	20c green and black	2
	50c lilac rose and black	3
	1 sucre ochre and black	9
	5 sucre lilac and black	75
1901	1c scarlet and black	1
	2c green and black	1
	5c gray lilac and black	1
	10c blue and black	2
	20c gray and black	3
	50c blue and black	15
	1 sucre bistre and black	20
	5 sucre gray and black	1.50
1903	1c on 25c yellow	2
1904	1c red and black	5
	2c blue and black	5
	5c yellow and black	5
1906	1c on 5c gray	1
	3c on 1 sucre blue	5
1907	1c red and black	1
	2c blue and black	1
	3c orange and black	1
	5c lake and black	20
	10c blue and black	1
	20c green and black	2
1908	Jubilee 1c brown	2
	" 2c blue and black	3
	" 5c lake and black	20
	" 10c orange and black	5
	" 20c green and black	20
	" 50c gray and black	35
	" 1 sucre black	65
1909	1c green	1
	2c blue	2
	3c orange	2
	5c claret	2
	10c yellow brown	5
	20c gray	10
	50c red	50
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100 2c brown all good	05
100 2c green 1887 all good	05
100 1c blue Columbian all good	10
10c green 1862	15
1c blue 1857	08
12c war unused o g	15
14c war unused o g	15
24c war unused o g	18
Block of 4 2c Lincoln imperforated	14
Yukon Alaska 2c imperforated	14
Hudson Fulton block of 4	14
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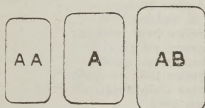
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1c	1890	Scott 17
3c	"	" 20
2½	"	" 19
2c	"	" 18
15c	1893	" 27
20c	"	" 28
30c	"	" 30
10c	"	" 31
25c	1900	" 37
1G	"	" 42
2½G	1900	Scott 43
30c	1885	" 106
50c	1885	" 108

Greece


1	Lepton	Olympian	1895
2	"	"	"
5	"	"	"
10	"	"	"
20	"	"	"
25	"	"	"
40	"	"	"
60	"	"	"
1	drachma	"	"
2	"	"	"
20	Lepton	1900	No 129
30	"	"	" 130
40	"	"	" 132
50	"	"	" 133
1	drachma	1900	No 134
25	Lepta	"	" 160

Greece

1c	1 lepton to 25	1901 ½c each	
1c	30 lepton	1901	4c
2c	40	"	5c
1c	50	"	3c
6c	1 drachma	"	6c
12c	25 lepton	1902 No 180	8c
1½c	50	" " 181	15c
8c	1 lepton to 20 lepton	1906 each	1c
120	25	" blue Olympian	3c
50c	30	"	5c
90c	40	"	6c
15c	50	"	8c
32c	1 drachma	"	15c
	1 lepton	Crete 1900	1c
1c	20	" " 1901 No 20	4c
1c	20	Lepton Crete No 9	5c
1c	25	" " " 21	4c
1c	25	" " " 27	6c
2c	25	" " " 15	6c
6c	German	1900 12va 2pf to 2m	15c
10c	Sierra Leone	No 107 o g face	24c 15c
20c	Danish W I	dues complete	35c
4c	U.S. Rev for Porto Rico	3c 1899	2c
30c	" Prop 1898	complete o g	35c
3c	" Telegraph		10c
6c	" 3 Playing cards		3.00
6c	" 3c Prop unused o g		15c
4c	" 50c current	1.00 black	20c
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

H. HEMPEL, a collector of postcards for ten years and a reader of the WEST for four years, says that the WEST gets first place on his desk among all other journals. WEST is great! Is a member of more than ten clubs and has a collection of a few thousand cards. Now he will start a newspaper collection and also street car transfers. After these are completed he will start on a coin collection. He was born in Germany Cassel 1884 and came over here in 1900 and started to collect cards in the same year. See his card ads.

I. CLAY ELLIOTT is eighteen years old and collects stamps, coins, postcards, Indian relics and curios. Also has a small collection of shells and minerals, and his latest hobby is a collection of woods. He has 89 different varieties including teak, ebony, ironwood, satin wood, rose wood etc. He would like to correspond with other readers of the WEST interested in same. He says he takes several collectors' papers but the WEST is best of all, "he couldn't 'keep house' without it".

CURIO OLSTAD, is a collector of Alaskan and European antiquities, curios, stamps and coins. Has made three trips to Europe and three to Alaska, one tour of less than a year. He has traveled over 47000 miles and speaks three languages.

The mastodon remains you see in views were found by me in the Nome district, Alaska, in 1900. The large bone is the skull bone and measures 4 ft., 8 inches in diameter. Weighs 348 pounds. Other pieces you see are in proportion and all are in the finest condition. I have had it on exhibition in several of the principal cities in the U. S. This mastodon skull is for sale, and can be purchased at a reasonable figure. He says, must say the WEST is immense, and complete.

"CONDITION."

One of the very first rocks that bob up in the pathway of the beginner in stamp collecting is that of condition. It is a question of momentous decision when this time arrives, and will tend to influence his entire future as a follower of the hobby. Of course, all of us desire anything that we possess to be as nearly perfect as is possible to have it, and when we are collecting stamps they are no exception to the rule, but the question is, does it pay to harp on this question of "perfection" to the exclusion of all else? Is it not a fact that, so long as a specimen has proven itself at least good enough to have been accepted by the postoffice authorities as capable of prepaying the cost of transmitting a letter or parcel through the mails, that it should at least have the same standing when it reaches the hands of the collector and he considers the advisability of allowing it to occupy a place in his album? If you were collecting stamps for the sake of pretty pictures, why would not a collection of the cheap, "made-for-collectors" issues more nearly fill the bill than the "out-for-business" issues of those countries whose least thought is given as to how their issues will be viewed by collectors and whose only thought is as to whether their stamps would prove acceptable and easy of handling to the business world in general? Stamps printed in great quantities by a country that finds it a hard struggle to keep up supplies in the face of a great commercial demand are more apt to be off-center and poorly perforated than are those of a so-called country or colony whose stamps are very seldom met with in a postally used condition and who chiefly count on the "easy marks" of collectors to keep its treasury supplied with good money enough through the sales of its gaudily printed circus posters. Of course, a heavily-cancelled stamp, one which is so daubed up that the design or lettering is almost indecipherable, is an abomination to any collector, but this craze for "well-centered" and "all four sides perforated" stamps seems a silly thing at most when you sit down and calmly think it over. If you are collecting **postage stamps**, any and all specimens that have actually served to prepay postage are worthy of a place in your collection; if you don't think so, you'd better give up stamps entirely and go to collecting pretty post-cards,—it will probably do you as much good and undoubtedly be a great deal more satisfactory to your "artistic" eye. But, if you are a **real stamp collector**, you'd rather have a torn specimen of a postally-used stamp, or one that was either "off center" or "with one side unperforated" than all the sets of unused "Liebecks" or "colonials" that were ever issued on this mundane sphere. A real "postage" stamp will afford you much more pleasure and satisfaction every time you look at it than would pages and pages of the other kind. So, take a word of friendly advice and if you wish to become one of the genuine, true blue, dyed-in-the-wool species of **stamp collectors**, see to it that you give preference not to "condition," but to the fact that a stamp has been really and truly intended to be "postally used," and secure them in that condition if possible.

C. S. L.

Bavaria, after clinging for forty-three years to the design which we all know so well, has at last begun to consider the advisability of a change. A commission has for some time been sitting, but the only conclusion at which its wisdom has been able to arrive is that it would save expense if the stamps were printed with the shield of the country in colors instead of embossed, as it has always previously been, and this notion is to be adopted.

A New United States Official Stamp

By J. U. P.

AN OUTLINE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS.

Final plans for the carrying into effect of the enactment by Congress for the operation of postal savings banks, are at last nearing completion. Since the passing of the law, four months ago, the committee of postal experts appointed by the Postmaster General has been meeting day and night in an effort to perfect a satisfactory system, and the result of their labors will in a few weeks be laid before Postmaster General Hitchcock, on his return from abroad.

At the start, the small appropriation made by Congress will permit of the establishment of not more than fifty postal banks, which will, of course, be scattered throughout the country. The service will, therefore, at first be limited, but inasmuch as deposits will be made by mail as well as in person, a fair test of the plan will be afforded for future guidance.

The entire amount appropriated was only \$100,000, and out of this all preliminary expenses, such as providing forms, stamps, and instructions, must be paid. Larger appropriations will be made later, however, as soon as the needs of the service are thoroughly understood, and some definite estimate of the cost of operating the banks can be arrived at. The basic idea of the plan is that the whole system shall be self-sustaining. Two per cent interest will be paid on deposits, and the banks and trust companies acting as depositories for the funds collected by the Government will under the law have to pay $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent interest. This quarter of one per cent will represent a profit to the Government, and is expected to pay for the cost of maintenance of the system.

There will be two ways of making deposits,—in person at one of the newly established banks, and by mail. In the first case, a card perforation system will be used; that is, instead of the book, as provided by private banks, a card will be issued to the depositor, showing by perforation the amount of money on deposit. This card will be duplicate of a similar one perforated at the same time and is kept in the bank, the latter furnishing at all times an absolute record of the funds deposited for. Should a card be lost by the depositor, a duplicate may be obtained upon application. The cards will be made non-transferable and non-negotiable. A machine resembling a cash register will be used to punch the deposit cards. This will insure an absolutely correct record, as on account of the depositor's card and that held by the Government being punched at the same time, no discrepancy can exist.

The second method of depositing funds, by mail, will be provided for by the issuance of special stamps. These will be of the denomination of ten cents each. They will be sold at all postoffices, together with a special card, which will also cost ten cents. As the card will hold just nine of the stamps, it will, when filled with stamps, represent a deposit of one dollar.

In anticipation of the adoption of the proposed system, a large supply of the ten cent stamps have already been printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, so that if it is approved, the stamps and cards will make their appearance in the early fall. Stamp collectors, however, will be particularly interested in the announcement that a new two cent stamp, which is to be used as a frank on all letters of official business relating to the postal banks, has been designed and printed. If used in this way, the latter stamp will undoubtedly be considered as an "official." It is said that both stamps are by far the most artistic stamps which have ever been designed and printed at the Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

L. G. DORPAT, Box 37, Wayside, Wis.

678—What stamp journals are at present published in England?—Dr. Rommel, in October, 1909, gave the following list for Great Britain: Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, Philatelic Record, Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, London Philatelist, Smyth's Philatelic Journal, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Stamp Collector, Philatelic Trader and Fraud Reporter, Ewen's Weekly Stamp News, Philatelic Exchange and Mart, West End Philatelist, Gibbons' Stamp Weekly, Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society, Wright's Annual List and Advertiser, Philatelic Invoice and Stamp Market Journal, British Philatelist, The Postage Stamp, Journal of the Philatelic Literature Society, Mack's Stamp Review, The Stamp Lover, Philatelic World, Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers, Carter's Monthly Record, The Collectors' Weekly.

I may add Appleton's Weekly, and should not wonder if there are still others that are unknown to me and to Dr. Rommel. I have not seen copies of all that Dr. Rommel names, and if any of the publishers should read this paragraph I would thank them for a sample copy.

679—What is the meaning of "old," "silk," "wove," "laid," "pelure," "hard" and "soft porous" paper as used in regard to stamps?—"Old" paper is the common paper of the U. S. revenues of 1862, and is called so in distinction from the later "silk" paper. It may be either thick or thin. "Silk" paper is similar to the old paper, only it has many little silk threads scattered over its face, somewhat like the paper of the U. S. paper money. These silk threads can best be seen through a magnifying glass. "Wove" paper is the common paper, as that used for newspapers. The West is printed on wove paper. "Laid" paper is used in the manufacture of the U. S. stamped envelopes. By holding it toward the light one may see numerous lighter and darker lines in the body of it. Laid paper is much used for writing with pen and ink, also for books. "Pelure" paper is a very thin partly transparent paper, something like "onion skin" or tissue paper. "Hard" paper is any paper containing a large quantity of glue, and it is therefore obvious that there may be various degrees of hardness. Generally speaking, all U. S. adhesives before 1879 were printed on hard paper. When the American Bank Note Co. obtained the contract for printing the U. S. stamps in 1879, it introduced a paper containing much wood pulp and less glue than the kind used before. This paper is of a coarser texture also, which can be seen by holding it toward the light. It is called "soft porous," and by a little practice it can easily be distinguished from the "hard" paper. The 2 cents brown of 1883 is printed on soft porous paper. There are several other kinds of paper, and since we are just at it, we may mention a few more. "Quadrille" paper is a kind of "laid" with lines that cross each other. "Watermarked" paper is any kind that shows lighter or darker figures in its texture. If you get a piece of the white margin from a sheet of the current U. S. stamps and hold it toward the light, you will see part or all of the letters "U S P D" appearing lighter than the rest of the paper. "Granite" paper is similar to the U. S. silk paper, only the colored silk threads on its surface are smaller and more numerous. It may be found in some of the Swiss stamps. "Dickinson" paper is a kind that consists of two layers with a pair of silk threads between running along the whole width or length of each sheet. The early 1 shilling and 10 pence stamps of Great Britain were printed on Dickinson paper. What is meant by "ribbed" and by "double" paper seems to be sufficiently clear from these terms without any further explanation.

680—Canal Zone 2 cents present issue surcharge reading up, is this an error?—I think not. If I remember right this surcharge, which by the way is smaller than the surcharge reading down, is made in New York by the American Bank Note Company, who at present are the printers of the stamps for Panama. It may be expected that this surcharge will be the commoner one in a short while, and that it will be free (or nearly so) from errors, as the A. B. N. Co. does good and exact work. Ewen's Weekly Stamp News for May 28th lists this surcharge as follows:

1c green and black, 1d; 2c rose and black, $1\frac{1}{2}$ d; 5c blue and black, 3d; 8c lilac and black, 5d; 10c violet and black, 6d.

Should I be in error about this or any other matter, I would consider it a great favor to be corrected by our readers. (Dorpat.)

681. How many different kinds of U. S. Stamped envelopes are now current? There are 58 kinds if we do not count the minor varieties. They may be classified as follows: 14 sizes, 4 values and 5 papers, namely: Size 1— $2\frac{1}{8}$ x $5\frac{1}{4}$ in., 2 cents, white paper only. Size 2— $3\frac{1}{4}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Size 3— $3\frac{3}{8}$ x $5\frac{5}{8}$, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 5c, white and amber. Size 4— $3\frac{3}{8}$ x $5\frac{5}{8}$, 2c, white and amber. Size 5— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x6 5-16, 1c, white and amber; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 5c, white and amber. Size 6— $3\frac{1}{2}$ x6 5-16, 1c, white and manila, (ungummed). Size 7— $3\frac{7}{8}$ x $8\frac{7}{8}$, 2c, white, amber, buff and blue; 4c, white and amber. Size 8— $4\frac{1}{8}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$, 1c, white and amber, (ungummed); 2c, white and amber; 4c, white and amber. Size 9— $4\frac{3}{8}$ x $10\frac{1}{8}$, 2c, white and amber; 4c, white and amber. Size 10— $3\frac{9}{16}$ x $4\frac{5}{8}$, 2c, white only. Size 11— $4\frac{1}{4}$ x $5\frac{1}{4}$, 1c, white only; 2c, white only. Size 13— $3\frac{3}{4}$ x $6\frac{3}{4}$, 1c, white, amber, buff and blue; 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Size 14— $3\frac{3}{4}$ x6 5-16, 2c, white, amber, buff and blue. Why the old size No. 12 has been withdrawn I am not aware. Perhaps some of our readers can tell us.

The minor varieties consist of die varieties and paper varieties, as the present contractors repeatedly re-engraved their working dies and used up some old paper left over from former issues. There are also differences in the regular paper made especially for the present contract, and some varieties of color in the stamps, the two principal ones being brown-red and carmine for the 2 cents. If we count in all these, we may get something like 100 varieties, or more, for the present issue. Any of the former issues may, of course, still be used, as none have been declared void.

682. Is there a 3 cents purple of Cuba 1905-7, and what are its marks? If I had not received A. C. Roessler's Stamp News a day or two ago, I would have answered no. But Mr. Roessler, on authority of Mr. Chas. R. Morris of Washington, says there is, i. e. a 3 cent re-engraved which would be Scott's No. 235 but which is left out in Scott's Catalog. What the distinguishing mark is, is not yet made public, but Mr. Melville will divulge the information in his stamp book treating of the U. S. Colonial stamps, which is shortly to appear. I cannot say that I like this kind of business, the withholding of such information from the general collector for any length of time, because doing so will enable those that have this information to corner the rarer variety, if there is such, and thus take advantage of the collector.

LITERATURE NOTES. Philatelic Literature Collecting is one of our hobby's most fascinating branches, and no collector should neglect his library while publishers are offering magazines at such moderate rates. Every collector should subscribe to at least half a dozen of the larger magazines.



New Issues Column

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The Oldest Established Stamp Dealer in the World.

Since writing you last month we have received a number of very interesting New Issues. There is also much talk still of the stamps bearing portraits of His late Majesty King Edward VII, and my readers are advised to fill up their collections with these.

As you are probably aware, Messrs. De La Rue have lost the contract for printing the stamps and Messrs. Harrison & Sons will start this now, and it will therefore be interesting to see what the new printers will do with the future series which are being prepared for issue.

Belgium 1910.

Second Series.

Last month I told you about a new charity set issued for the Brussels Exhibition in Belgium.

We are surprised now to receive another issue of these stamps. The same two artists have again been employed, only in the first series the colors and order of the artists' work were as follows:

- 1 centime, grey (Montald).
- 2 centimes, chocolate (Lemaire).
- 5 centimes, green (Montald).
- 10 centimes, rose (Lemaire).

whilst in the second series they are reversed:

- 1 centime, sage (Lemaire).
- 2 centimes, brown (Montald).
- 5 centimes, emerald (Lemaire).
- 10 centimes, lake (Montald).

This second set is also sold at an appreciation over its face value and the sum thus collected will be, at the wish of Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians, devoted to various charities.

Bermuda 1910.

We have just received the first value of what will eventually be a new series for this colony. It is well engraved and represents a fully rigged sailing ship of the 17th Century, and is evidently symbolical of the Arms of Bermuda. It is printed on the usual multiple C. A. paper, and is issued on account of the Bermuda Tercentenary.

½ penny, green.

Crete 1910.

The current Italian stamps are now overprinted "La Canea," for use in the Italian Post Offices in Crete. The various political disturbances that are now in progress in this island render this series of great interest at the present moment.

Overprinted "La Canea."

- 1 cestesimi, chocolate.
- 2 cestesimi, brown.

Haiti 1910.

A new stamp, bearing a portrait of A. T. Simon, has reached us from Haiti. It is beautifully engraved by the American Bank Note Company of New York and is very handsome.

1 centime, crimson and black.

Sweden 1910.

The first stamp is just to hand of a new design, bearing the Swedish Three Crowns on a shield. The effect of the color and design is both pretty and novel.

4 ore, lilac.

Panama.

Canal Zone 1910.

The new issue of Panama is now overprinted "Canal Zone," for use in that part of the territory. We have received the following:

1 centesimo de Balboa, portrait of Vasco Nunez de Balboa, green and black.

2 centesimos de Balboa, portrait of Fernandez de Cordoba, vermilion and black.

5 centesimos de Balboa, portrait of Arosemena, blue and black.

Siam.

The new design, well executed, is received. At the top is a portrait of the King, Chulalongkorn, supported by the uplifted arms of a native god. The stamp is beautifully engraved and forms a striking addition to a collection. The values are:

2 satangs, orange and sage.

3 satangs, green.

6 satangs, rose.

Switzerland 1910.

I have for some time past been recommending my clients to fill up their Swiss stamps, and now I have received the most interesting curiosity of all these fascinating stamps. This is no less than what is known as "Tete Beche," which means that one stamp is printed right way up and the adjoining stamp printed upside down. Naturally these must be collected in pairs, as when separated they would, of course, be simply normal. We have got pairs of the 2 centimes brown, 5 centimes green, 10 centimes red, and the 25 centimes blue. The 2 and 5 centimes are of the William Tell's Son type, the 10 centimes the head and shoulders of Helvetia, and the 25 centimes a seated figure of Helvetia.

Tete Beche Pairs.

2 centimes, bistre.

5 centimes, green.

10 centimes, red.

25 centimes, blue.

Uruguay-Montevideo 1910.

Two celebration stamps are received bearing dates 1810-1910, and for the first time in the history of philately we have a picture of a Centaur, that mythical being, half man and half horse. The stamp is beautifully engraved, the picture of the Centaur being outlined against a most effective background.

2 cents, red.

5 cents, blue.

NOTES.

Cuba's two colored 50c stamp is an improvement on the unicolored grey stamp used heretofore. The new \$1.00 stamp is insignificant in its appearance beside the bright 50c stamp. Both are worth getting, if obtainable in good condition.

There are many stamp collectors that do not belong to any society, are not subscribers to any philatelic paper, nor in fact have any connection with other stamp collectors. Their collections are most likely to be in a pitiable condition, and they are very apt to entertain erroneous ideas regarding the values of stamps. It would be a service to them as well as to philately in general if they can be reached, to make them acquainted with some one of the many philatelic publications, the PHILATELIC WEST, for instance, and to interest them in the study of stamps. This may be done by giving their names to the publisher that he may send them a sample copy, and by talking to them about the advantage that may be derived from regular subscribers. Send names of any active collectors.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

The Handbook and Check List of the U. S. State Revenue stamps by J. Delano Bartlett, deserve all credit due to compiler of the book, comprising so many new state taxes, of which the average collector has only a faint knowledge. The 32 pages will certainly help, that many state revenues will be saved and so be brought ultimately into circulation and their respective values better adjusted.

Here a few words on the cash value of tax paid may be an assistance to others. I picked up about 25 of one kind and marked the first one 10c. It went and so increased the price gradually to 40c. where the sale stopped, and have never been able to get more than 35c for the same. My idea may be wrong, but one thing is sure, it depends on the other fellow, how much it is worth to him.

In continuation of last month's WEST describing revenues found in my collection I arrive to my fatherland. Under German Empire proper, the Wechselstempel from 1869 to 1901 are practically complete. In 1907 the issue was put on watermarked paper, and they are now beginning to come into the hands of collectors. Another advantage and saving the worry of a new issue. Ample time to consider how scarce they will be. Railway tickets require a tax. Bills of lading are not forgotten. Transactions of speculation in bonds, merchandise, lotteries are supplied with a double stamp of 5pf to 1000 M. Sometimes you get the left, and other times the right side, and occasionally an entire used copy. The 90 pf. is scarcer than the 50 M. Odd values seem to be always scarcest. The 500 and 1000 M used only in Berlin. The W comes on Mdse, and L on lotteries. All German States have their own issues and also many municipalities.

Bavaria is about the easiest procurable. Baden got only 5, but one is hard to get. Bremen got quite a number and so far only few came my way. Brunswick has some. Hamburg a pretty set. Hessen offers a field for specialists. Mecklenburg has issued 8 lower values and 4 higher values, on latter the date has been changed every year since 1874 and makes them scarce.

Oldenburg is not easy. From a correspondent I received 2 values which have been in use only 2 weeks. In Prussia I have done fairly well. There exist perf, varieties. Saxony is rich on town and village taxes. Wurtemberg got only a few, but the capital, Stuttgart makes up, and has issued for many years an annual fair tax.

There are several other states which use about a dozen stamps each. German colonies are few.

Great Britain has issued for England, Scotland, Ireland and a few of the islands. England has a great variety of different special issues and outside of Admiralty, Colonial Office, Land Registry, Peddlers certificate, lightly represented by 400 copies. The impressed Bill and Note stamps are so numerous that I am perfectly satisfied if I can get one year date of each variety. Some good varieties are the 9, 13, and 14 sh. The so called Lead stamps are in my opinion interesting even if they are not included in catalog, being movable and not fixed charges. I must have about a hundred of them up to 100 face value.

France revenues are fairly well represented and occasioned no difficulty to me in collecting them, but I shall try once more to explain more explicit, the different issues under the "Effets de Commerce" to those who are unfamiliar with the detail and distinguishing mark of each issue.

The first issue 1860, gray, commerce seated and eagle, white embossed circle, does not need particular mention. Issue 1864 head of Napoleon, lilac with values in red. Here you have to pay attention to the values, so you can tell it from

the 1871 issue. In 1864 the tax is 5 cents for every 100 francs, so the 20 centimes stamps bear the value of atx 300-400 while in 1871 the tax being doubled reads 100-200. All values above 10 francs belong to 1871. In 1872 the design is very similar, only the head is replaced with a star. In 1874 the 1871-72 series was surcharged with Demi-Droit En Sus (an additional tax) most the time in red, the other colors can be found. In 1874 a new design was adopted which run till 1892 but represents 7 issues. The design 2 females seated, value always below and background gray. Date 187—com in the first 5 issues. 1880-81, date 18—only. All are imperforate, except 1881. Remember this. 1874 first series bears: demi droits en sus. Ornaments on side of value.

1874 second series, value in small letters tax 15 cent for every 100 franc.

1877 small values in a medallion, same tax rate.

1879 values in larger type. Rate reduced to 10c for every 100 fr. The first 5 cent value issue 1880 large numeral in a medallion. Same rate.

Now, bear in mind 1874 and 79 have no medallion. 1877 and 80 have [the same; the higher tax to the first two, the reduced tax to the other two.

In the 1879-80 series are no values higher than 10 francs.

1881 July, the last imperforate, date 18 only, value only to fr. 5.

1881 Sept. perforated up to fr. 30—

1892 new design: head of Liberty. Date 18. above value.

1900 same design, but date line shows only numerals.

According to the Australian Philatelist, it looks as if uniform postage stamps for the entire Australian Commonwealth will be issued within a year. Our informant says:

"The events of the past few weeks have brightened Federal prospects considerably. Last month the State Premiers held a conference, and by agreeing to a new and fixed method of allocating Commonwealth revenue, which will put an end to the bookkeeping period in March next year, have made the way clear for the full Federalisation of the Australian Post Offices. The Postmaster-General has already intimated that preparations will begin at once for the introduction of an uniform series of stamps within twelve months, and that penny postage through Australia is now assured. The latter does not concern philatelists any more than regards the effect it will have on the relative rarity of all denominations.

Neither does the place of printing. While we may have our own ideas as to what should be done, it need not follow because we claim to be stamp students and collectors that the authorities must fall in with our views. They do not show much disposition to be influenced by arguments, either in regard to the place of printing, manner of printing or designs. The two latter, however, do concern philatelists, although here again opinions will differ, some contending for steel plate, and others for surface printing, and some arguing in favor of King's heads, while others want Australian pictures. Letters frequently appear in the daily press on the subject, and it is quite evident that no matter what decisions are arrived at, they will be challenged by the opposite side.

"The Postal Commission, which has been sitting for a long time, inquiring into all sorts of things, has almost concluded its labors. Little attention was given to postage stamps, and we have not learned anything new from that source in regard to them. The great point is that within twelve months separate State issues will be a thing of the past, and our labors will be considerably lightened.



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Desames recibir esemplares de cambio de las publicaciones filatelicas estranjerrsa la adressa enseguida. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis. U.S.A B37

The Philadelphia Stamp News is jubilant over receiving admittance to second-class mail rates and promises to double its size from August 26th on. It is doing some good work, and we hope to see it flourish. Our readers who have not yet seen a copy of it might do well to send 2 cents to Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, 1706 N. 18th Str., Philadelphia, Pa., for a sample, or better still, 50 cents for a year's subscription, not forgetting to mention The West in doing so.—No. 16 of the P. S. N. illustrates the Esperanto sticker inscribed "Sesa internacia Kongreso de Esperanto, Washington, August, 1910," also the Pan-Americano stamp issued by Brazil and the \$500.00 stamp of the Straits Settlement.

From the daily press we glean that 240 postmasters in 36 states have sent in requests for starting the recently authorized postal savings banks. Similar requests are noted from 535 banks in 44 states. According to notes from Washington, the start will be made with but 50 offices, and after these, one of which is to be the Washington office, are in working order the service will be gradually extended to other offices. Special savings stamps are expected.

The Southern Philatelist, that prospering little contemporary from the South, has in its July number a remarkable article on "Gormandism," in which it advises its readers to keep within the bounds of their pocket-books and so to avoid trouble. This is good advice, and many a young collector—and some older ones as well—might have spared himself some anxiety had he not overstepped these bounds. There is much pleasure to be gotten out of cheap stamps honestly, while the dear stamps, if acquired by making debts that cannot be paid, will spoil both pleasure and collector.

Die Post, speaking of counterfeit stamps on genuine C. A. wmk paper, as they appeared in the case of the St. Lucia 5/, suggests a way to prevent the marginal strips of stamp sheets being used for such a fraudulent purpose, namely, the printing of lines or ornaments on the margin around the stamps, as has been done in the case of certain German and English stamps. One might wonder what these fancy margins were good for. Here we have the explanation. Leaving no blank margins, they make it impossible to use the genuine paper for counterfeiting.

According to Die Post, Brazil is to have a 1,000,000 reis official stamp. Happily one reis does not amount to much, and the whole million amounts to only about \$546.00 of U. S. money. Still this will be the highest face value of any stamps issued, and we must not expect to get them by the dozen before the remainders are put on sale. Besides the one million stamp, there are to be other values of 20,000, 50,000, 100,000, and 500,000 reis. If all this is true, it is most likely that these stamps will be used similarly as our newspaper stamps of \$50.00 and \$100.00 were used and that they will never come into the hands of the general public.

The Nederlandsche Philatelist says that the 17½ cents is now on sale in two colors and advises its readers to get a few of the lilac stamps of this value, unused, while they can yet be had at face value. This was still the case in June.

One of the events of the present year will be the Philatelic Exhibition at Berne, Switzerland, in September. An event which is mentioned by most philatelic papers on both sides of the "pond," and for which preparations

are being made far and wide. It is to be hoped that American collectors will not be conspicuous by their absence.

German papers are speaking of the great philatelic meet which is to be held at Kiel, August 12 to 16. Kiel is the home of the German navy, and as such, a city in which many connections are upheld with far away countries, especially the German Colonies. No wonder then that it is a philatelic stronghold as well as a marine base and place of world interest. A large attendance is expected and the program is excellent, including several free meals and free beer, as well as stamp exchanges and auctions.

Dr. Rommel, in No. 388 of *Der Philatelist*, concludes his list of irregularities in the dating of philatelic papers. He mentions also the Philatelic West and the discrepancies between the inside dates and the dates on the covers. In some cases these are of no importance, as in Vol. XXXIII of 1906, where the date of No. 3 is July 31 on the cover, while the inside date reads July 30. In other cases, however, the difference is important enough to be noted, though it will be easy enough to arrange a complete file, if one has it, in the proper order. It is to be hoped, nevertheless, that our printer will be a little more careful in the future to get both dates, that on the cover and that on the first inside page, correct. This is important in all cases where special reference is taken to any article with quotation of volume and number.

From the *Attleboro Philatelist* we learn that a society has been organized among the collectors of Precanceled stamps. It is called The International Precanceled Club, and Mr. F. Percy Collingwood, the publisher of the *A. P.*, is the president; Mr. F. B. Griffith, Jr., Red Jacket Parkway, Buffalo, N. Y., is the secretary. Annual dues 50 cents. The *A. P.* will publish lists of precanceled stamps. Those of Chicago, Ill., will be next, of which more than 300 varieties are said to exist. Parties interested in precanceled stamps would do well to get a complete file of the *A. P.* as long as it can be obtained.

The *Globe Trotter*, No. 34, which was to appear in July, made its appearance in August. This delay was due principally to the newness of its own typesetting department. In the future this department will help much toward promptness and other improvements. It means a considerable saving both in time and in money. The membership list now ends with No. 7150, 106 new members having been added to the *C. C. C.* since the publication of the previous number of the *Globe Trotter*. Mr. Dorpat has charge of the Stamp Department.

The *A. P. S.* quarterly, under the title of *The American Philatelist*, has now appeared in three numbers. It is generally welcomed as a "long felt want," and is commended favorably, the adverse criticism being hardly worthy of mention. We certainly should have a few first-class journals in our country, and the *A. P. S.* should be able to publish the best.

COLLECTING REVENUE STAMPS.

Almost every collector of postal issues receives from time to time stray copies of revenue stamps in the mixed lots that reach him from abroad, which revenues he may view as being outside his "line," and may either throw them away or relegate them to some obscure corner in the hope of their possibly proving "useful" in some way or other at some future time. Such revenues he may be glad to sell for a small sum, or to exchange for other classes of stamps in which he is more interested.

It should be a good hint to a beginner in revenue collecting to advise him to try to get into correspondence with collectors of this type. In time to come, when revenue collecting becomes more popular and the value of copies more universally understood, the likelihood of securing cheap lots in this way will possibly have become more remote and all are rare lots.—*The Bazaar*.

Is the Postage Stamp Doomed?

By J. DeJung Jr., Rhinelander, Wis.

The postage stamp has long been a power in the world, but will it continue to rule? With the collector it surely will, but the time of issuing stamps may soon come to an end. Such, at least, is the opinion of a writer in "Das Blane Blatt," and he has some good reasons to think so.

The annual production of stamps is 40 millions. Assuming that each stamp requires five minutes of work: preparing, receiving, distributing, selling, buying, using (as paper money), detecting and prosecuting counterfeiters, cancelling, accounting, etc., etc., it would mean 300 working days for 1,300,000 persons—too much for our busy time and our deficits.

Furthermore, the governments suffer losses of millions of dollars through counterfeiting and removing of cancellation, and the detection and punishment of these crimes cost large sums. And to the business houses it means a great burden and a loss to take care of the enormous remittances in stamps.

Is the use of the stamp necessary to insure delivery of mail to its place of destination? Certainly not. The stamp is practically only a receipt for prepaid postage. Something must take the place of the stamp, that does away with the waste of time involved in the handling, etc., of a separate object or body like the stamp; that makes counterfeiting impossible, and that prevents removal from the original package and re-use.

The panacea is a simple postmark denoting the amount of postage paid, the date, name of post office, etc. The government would place slot-postmarking machines wherever they would be needed and where there are mail boxes now. The clerks at the postoffice would postmark the mail brought to them. The large business houses might have postmarking registers and the government would collect the postage. Smaller consumers might, upon payment get a small machine that would postmark only a certain number of times. When it has marked so often it is brought to the postoffice and reset. Satisfactory precautions can be taken against fraud.

And this is not merely a dream. The Wurtemberg government adopted the postmarking system at Stuttgart for mail in large quantities. The postoffice department of Austria decided to do the same. The plan has not been carried out as yet, but not because of a fault of the system. And on Feb. 1st the Bavarian government introduced this no-stamp postmarking for large inter-Bavarian mails and such to everywhere within the German Empire.

The Germans are a careful people and if the new system is found practicable there, the postage stamp will gradually go. But collecting stamp "relics" would become probably still more interesting and—profitable.

VICTORIA'S HEAD ON NEW STAMPS.

Stamp dealers' windows in New York are exhibiting new postage stamps just issued by Western Australia bearing the familiar head of Queen Victoria.

In response to an inquiry, a dealer explained that the accession of King George made it possible to re-issue government stamps with Queen Victoria's head. If such a statement had been issued in King Edward's reign, it would have been an affront, according to court etiquette, as Queen Victoria was in immediate predecessor. This does not apply to King George, and thrifty Western Australia saves money by using old printing plates discarded several years ago while Edward was king.

The Ideal Society Member--By Rip Van Winkle

While the work done by philatelic societies is undoubtedly good up to a certain point, there is plenty of room for improvement. I am sure all readers of these lines will agree with this sentiment, and there I have no doubt their enthusiasm will end. If they assign any reason for things being not what they might be, they will put it down to the secretary, the chairman or the committee; anybody, in fact, but themselves. And yet, it is the members who are lacking in their duty to the Society. A society is composed of its members. It is true the officials do all the hard work, and of course come in for the blame if things are not what they might be; but they put into action the results (if any) of the work of the members. My experience has been that it is the officers who keep a society going in the matter of displays, etc.; but this is not as it should be. In an Ideal Society's programmes there should be no such things as displays, excepting of course, in the case of countries, where certain specialists hold practically all the fine stamps.

This may seem a bold statement to make, but it is undoubtedly correct. A philatelic Society should exist, chiefly at least, for the study of stamps. Now can anyone name one that puts this principle into practice? I think not. This however, is not the fault of the officers, but of the members. I will explain this in a few words.

The Ideal Society's program should be headed "Countries for Study." Then each member should be asked to give a list of fifteen countries which he would consider suitable for study. (I mention fifteen as I think this is the usual number of meetings held in a session.) These lists should be brought to the Annual meeting, and, after the usual business has been transacted, given to the chairman who would read them out, and those countries to which the majority of votes were given should constitute the programme. The method of procedure would be for each member to bring his collection of the country under consideration, having first put together a few notes giving impartially particulars of any peculiarity in any of his stamps. The pages would then be passed around and anything worthy of note or fresh information, suggestion, etc., could be put together in the form of a short paper by the member with the best qualification for so doing, to be eventually published in the official organ of the Society. This in my opinion, would be the Ideal Programme.

But to put this into practice the Ideal Member is necessary. Now my experience of stamp collectors is that either they possess a general collection, which they candidly admit is not worth showing, or they attempt to what they call specialize in a country in the way of finding minute differences in their stamps, but the reason for which they do not know and do not attempt to try and find out or to advance an intelligent theory for. The latter type of member will generally show his stamps, but this has the deplorable effect of boring his listeners.

Now, our Ideal Member when he received his nomination paper—which should be given him a fortnight before the meeting—should go honestly through his collection and see which are the fifteen countries in which he is strongest, and fill up his paper accordingly. The fifteen countries eventually decided upon should then be eventually transferred to a special blank album—there is no use for it to be an expensive one—and gradually worked up in readiness for the programme; any varieties from the normal to be written up and theories advanced if possible. Then think of the pleasure with which societies' meetings would be looked forward to and the practical results that would be seen.

But we must have the Ideal Member first!—Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

The Cry of the Young Collector

By Douglas C. Smith

The young collector has of late years loomed large in the philatelic world. The old fogeys of philately are crying out that he should be taught this and taught that, that he should be kept from falling a victim to the charms of the unnecessary and speculative stamp, and that a guardian angel should watch over his footsteps as he traverses the narrow way that leadeth to philatelic knowledge.

The philatelic press has given vent to this subject with so much fervor that it has become a hardy annual that springeth up in the slack season. And, lastly, the second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain has discussed the evil that the "unsolicited approval sheets" wreaks havoc among the ranks of the rising generation of philatelists.

Despite the fact that he looms so prominently in the philatelic eye, the young collector has never come forward on his own behalf, and has never given his views on the many vexed questions concerning his own welfare and the welfare of philately in general. This is a pity. For, the young collector of today, who is struggling with Latin and Euclid in all the schools is the philatelist of tomorrow, and on him rests the future of philately and the carrying on of the great hobby, when the grass waves above those who now wear the laurel wreaths of philatelic wisdom. It is high time the young collector should come forward and show the "stuff" he is made of, and endeavor to win his spurs in the arena of philately.

Therefore, as no one else shows any likelihood of doing such a deed, I have come forward with my "Cry of the Young Collector," and, although many could do it far better than I can, I mean to try and show a little of what the Young Collector really thinks and feels. And one thing I have in my favor for the task I am going to attempt. I am sixteen years old and have been an enthusiastic collector since I was five. Thus it will be seen I am fairly representative of my class.

The Young Collector is the first to admit that he is inexperienced and likely to fall a victim to the class of stamp which the true philatelist hates with a righteous hatred, but he will not listen to the advice which some are always so ready to give. This is because he realized what the advice giver persistently fails to see, i. e., that it is impossible for him to collect the more really desirable stamp because the state of his finances will not permit. The Young Collector is lucky if he has 25c a week to spend on his stamps, and this does not go very far in buying the old issues that he is told he ought to collect. Also, he finds that it is possible for him to get as much pleasure out of Seebecks and North Borneos as the specialist in old Europeans gets in his immaculate stamps that have no slur passed on their respectability.

The Young Collector cannot be taught. He can be guided along the right path, but he cannot be drilled into a "correct" form of stamp collecting by an outside agency. It must come from within. If a young collector has not got an "eye for stamps" he can never become a philatelist; similarly, if he has he cannot be prevented from being one. A philatelist is born, not made. It is a mysterious thing, that "eye for stamps"; with it a young collector will emerge triumphant from all the disappointments and disillusion, that beset his early philatelic career, while without it he succumbs at the first rebuff.

It has been said by some that the young collector who joins a philatelic society is discouraged by the specialized collections that are shown at the

meetings. This is most emphatically not the case. Speaking from my own personal experience, I may say that the young collector is greatly encouraged. He sees what a wonderfully wide field there is in stamps, and what a task of pleasure it must be to build up, bit by bit, a specialised or moderately specialised collection. He feels the desire to do likewise burn strongly within him. And then—the philatelist is made.

There are two great evils against which the young collector has to contend. The "free" advertisement and what immediately follows, the "unsolicited approval sheet" against which the second Philatelic Congress had a debate, which, like everything else they attempted to do, ended rather tamely. These two things are the greatest evils that beset the budding philatelist of today. Would that they could be eliminated forever! But I am sanguine enough to think that the future of philately will be no less glorious than it is at the present time. I believe, from what I have seen in school and out, that the great pastime will go on flourishing, that the coming generation will be as capable as the present, and that the goddess philatelia will go on making the whole world kin fifty years hence, even as she did when she was born, fifty years ago!

Don't Miss Being at Kansas City, Oct. 3rd

If you are a collector don't fail to be at the convention as it will be worth taking in and there will be reduced railroad rates, together with many other attractions. It will pay you big to be present. That city has a branch society, among the members many leading men of that city and many in main P. O. department, who are always glad to help you. The city covers nearly 60 square miles of territory, has 18 systems and 32 distinct lines of railroads, so you can come most any way. It has 78 per cent of native born population, about 200 churches, 50 miles of Boulevards, 2000 acres of parks, close to 300 miles of paved streets, has more high school scholars in proportion to the population than any city. And within 150 miles has close to three million population. It is near natural gas fields and coal, oil, zinc, and lead producing districts. K. C. has the best street railway system in U. S. for its size and a single fare carries you to any part of the city with transfer. Being the most accessible city in the West, this is an ideal city for conventions. Together with the lower rates to that city than any other point and the fall attractions, you will find it worth all the time and money you may spend. Bescher at City Hall Market and Canfield and Saint at P. O. department may be found quite easily and they can give you full information. The Commercial Club of that city is one, if not the most active clubs we have seen and loaned cuts used in this issue.

ENGLAND'S NEW COINAGE.

The new Georgian coinage will differ from the present design only in the portrait of the king, the reverse side being left as now. The design for the head of George V. has been intrusted to Bertram McDonnal, associate of the Royal Academy, an Australian sculptor, who will also design the medal to commemorate the new king's coronation. Mr. McDonnal has been favored with many Royal commissions for sculpture. He has executed statues of Queen Victoria for India, Australia and Blackburn, Lancashire. He will also be responsible for one of the first statues of King Edward to be erected at Adelaide, South Australia.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

An Englishman has recently published a book on the old British hand stamps and franks, used prior to the introduction of adhesive stamps. Will a similar book ever find the light on the similar hand stamps used in the United States?

The latest from Chile is that the 12c and 1 peso stamps of the 1905 issue are now being sold over post office counters, but at a liberal premium over face!

It is known that a new design Great Britain 2p stamp with King Edward's head, was printed, but the issue held up on the death of that sovereign. Whether the stamp will yet be placed in use was, at last, advice still undecided. The color is bright violet.

Italy is the latest country to hold a "philatelic congress," its members having met in Milan several weeks ago. As usual at such gatherings, one of the leading questions discussed was the suppression of speculative stamps. We have not heard, however, that the Italian government is to discontinue its long list of surcharges for the levantine offices.

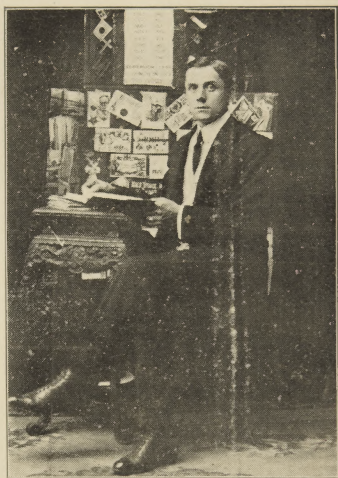
Most important to stamp collectors and to philately everywhere is the accession to the British throne of the man who has for years been one of the foremost stamp collectors of the world, owner of one of the finest collections in existence, President of the Royal Philatelic Society, and known not only as a possessor, but as a real student, of stamps. The public fact that the King of England is a stamp collector, ardent and unashamed, raises our beloved hobby to a new and lasting dignity in the eyes of the world. And what a far cry back it seems to the days when the stamp collector was fair game for the expression of feeble wit that could find no more helpless mark!

A well-known gentleman who keeps in close touch with philatelic and business conditions, upon being asked, recently, to "guess" what three groups of stamps were most likely to grow in popularity in the near future, replied: "First, British North Americans, because they did not receive their share in the last colonial boom. Second, United States Envelope, because this accompanies naturally the great present interest in U. S. adhesives. Third, South and Central Americans, but I am not so sure of this last, because American collectors do not 'take to' these stamps so naturally as to those of English speaking countries."

It is stated that noticeable characteristics of the forgeries of the Bulgaria, 1902, Commemorative set are white, instead of creamish paper, and perforation more regular than in the genuine. The letters below and at the right of the Turkish soldier who is firing are missing and the soldier in the right upper part of the stamp appears to be headless.

The twelve months of 1910 appear more likely to be more prolific of new issues than any years for several seasons past. The Portuguese colonies alone will roll up a considerable total, to which will be added complete sets already issued or in prospect, from Cuba, Costa Rica, Brazil, Chile, Salvador and probably others in the western hemisphere with not a few from other parts of the world. These are some troubles which the "Nineteenth Century" collector escapes.

The question of stamps for the new South African Union has not yet been definitely settled, but it is probable that each country will continue its own issues for at least a year longer. Judging by the time it took Austria to adopt Commonwealth stamps, the "year" may be a long one indeed.



RY HEMPEL and a part of his large collection of post cards, Brooklyn, N. Y.

See their ads in this issue.

Taxidermist Collection of THORNE BROS., Utah





Shelter Building and Sunken Garden in Swope Park, Kansas City Mo.



Official Headquarters of the Southern Philatelic Association Meeting Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 3, 1910



Ceremonial Pipe front and side view, weight 10 lbs.
Mound Builders Pottery, 15 in. spade
Property F. E. Ellis, St. Louis, Mo.



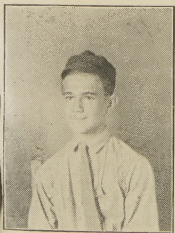


Paseo from 12th St. Terrace. Walnut St. South from Eight. Views of Kansas City, Mo.





RIO OMSTAD, the Novelty
King, Osseo, Wis.



ELLIOTT, Bellflower, Mo.



Collections of Omstad, Osseo, Wis.



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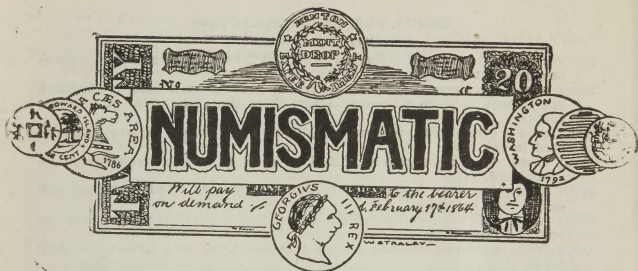
POST CARD

*P.C. Collectors
The World
Over*

Various new cards from S. America show fine views of some interesting cities there, showing the great strides this country has made in the new century. The solid stone structures, wharves and docks planned to endure to the end of time, have cost millions of dollars. Farms, mines and forests are being opened, and old cities are being remodeled to the most advanced ideas in sanitary engineering. The transformation of Rio de Janeiro, always a notoriously dirty city and deadly plague spot into a beautiful modern city was a miracle for which it would be hard to find a parallel. Hundreds of buildings were torn down to make room for fine avenues. Twenty-one miles of other streets were widened and paved, the parks were connected by a system of boulevards, and the whole city was given an open, sunny, sanitary life. The various views taken along the Croya line give some idea of the varied difficulties that have been overcome by railroad engineers in the mountains of South America. The high trestles are an essential feature. The highest R. R. point in the world is on the Andean Divide, Peru.

The ports of Rio Janeiro, and Rio Grande de Sul are being improved on. The port of Para, on the bank of the Para river is perhaps 60 miles from the Atlantic ocean, and is a dividing point between ocean and river navigation.

Turning to views of Rio de Janeiro, we see fine sights of the water fronts, also from the hills overlooking the harbor; the business streets and Canal street which is one of the finest. I have many fine views of Buenos Ayres, which has a population of 1,100,000 or so. This is a rich city as seen and boasts of the finest opera houses, club houses and other luxuries as well as fine schools. The Modern Tramway station is seen; docks, banks, Terra do de la Plaza Colon, Futuro Palacio del Congress, Plaza Vitoia y Avenida de Mayo, Esquina Peru y. Vitoria; Restaurant Parque Lezaima; Marande Hacienda; Adnana; Paisage en el Tigre; Depositode Argeas Corrientes.; Natives of Argentina, and their homes. Hippodrome; Laguna, Parque 3 de Feber and many others showing suburban views, woods and habits of natives, etc., which prove very interesting. From Brazil, British Guiana, Chile, Costa Rica, Equador, Paraguay, have many views of interest. Buenos Ayres, is having the centennial anniversary of Argentina's independence this year. Views are seen of Pernambuco, Port Aegre, Parana, Pelotas, Sao Paulo. From Uruguay, Argentine's little neighbor across the way, we have fine



The Names of Coins

I know that a great many of my readers are coin collectors, and have written the following article in the hope that it will interest them and give them some information that will be of value to them in their hobby.

The florin—one of the most famous of modern coins—originated in Florence. Some say that it gave the name to the city, while others assert that it was first so called because it had a fleur de lis—from the Italian florone, or "flower."

The standard coins of the Continent are:—In France, the franc; in Spain, the peseta; in Italy, the lire; in Holland and Austria, the florin; in Germany, the mark; in Russia the rouble.

Belgium and Switzerland use the French name for the piece of twenty sous. Each of these pieces is divided into one hundred parts, called kopeck in Russia, pfenning in Germany, kreutzer in Austria, cent in Holland, and in Italy, France and Spain the word meaning hundredth.

Rouble is from the word meaning "to cut," and was so called because originally the coin was made with an ornamental edge.

Ducat is a coin, either of silver or gold, struck in the dominions of a duke, the silver ducat being generally of the value of an American dollar, and the gold ducat is worth twice as much. Farthing means the fourth of a penny, and is derived from the Anglo Saxon word, ferdha, the fourth.

Few persons have ever troubled themselves to think of the derivation of the word dollar. It is from the word thal (valley) and came into use in this way about three hundred years ago. There is a little silver mining city or district in Northern Bohemia, called Joachimsthal, or Joachim's Valley. The reigning duke of the region authorized this city in the sixteenth century to coin a silver piece which was called "Joachimthaler." The word Joachim was soon dropped, and the name "thaler" only retained. The piece went into general use in Germany and Denmark, where the orthography was changed to "daler," whence it came into English, and was adopted by the Americans with still further changes in the spelling.

The Mexican dollar is generally called "piastre" in France, and the name is sometimes applied to the United States dollar. The appellation is incorrect in either case, for the word piaster, or piastre, has for years been only applied with correctness to a small silver coin in Turkey or Egypt, which is worth from

five cents to eight cents.

Dime is derived from the Latin Decimus, the tenth; from decem ten; and cent is from the Latin centum a hundred. Mill which may be called an imaginary coin is also from the Latin mille a thousand.

FACE OF SIOUX INDIAN ON FIVE DOLLAR BILLS.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 10.—Chief Hollow Horn Bear of the Rosebud tribe of the Sioux Indians, whose picture is probably the most sought after of any American's is at the Methodist Episcopal hospital, Cumming and Thirty-sixth streets.

—The more fortunate citizens of the country—those who are lucky enough to have about their person one of the \$5 bills issued within the last few years—have a picture of the old chief. It appears on the face of the bills.

The chief is in Omaha having his eyes treated.

His son, Henry Hollow Horn Bear, is with the old chief at the hospital. Chief Hollow Horn Bear is 60 years old but can talk no English, and through his son told today how he came to occupy such a conspicuous place in the affairs of the country.

He was in Omaha in 1898 during the Trans-Mississippi exposition with a delegation from his tribe, and while here met President McKinley.

Among his people he was regarded as a great orator, and through an interpreter he and the martyred president had a long talk about the affairs of his tribe. McKinley showed a deep interest in the old chief and met him again a few months later when Hollow Horn Bear went to Washington on some mission for his tribe.

It was at this time that the president had an artist reproduce the face of the old fighter for the engravers at the mint.

OWNS ONE-SIXTH OF A DOLLAR.

Referring to the letter with reference to a \$6.00 Colonial bill he owns and also the three Colonial bills of the issue of 1776 and 1778 inherited by a Mr. Cook of Kansas City, Kansas, as stated in a recent issue of your paper I would like to tell you what I have:—I own a "One-sixth of a dollar" bill, signed and numbered by hand, issued at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776, having a vignette of a sun dial and with the motto "Fugio, Mind your own business" (I fly, therefore Mind your own business), around the dial. Around the border of the note is "Continental Currency." The note bears the No. 69473 and is signed by Sam Sellers and it reads "One Sixth of a Dollar, according to resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia, February 17, 1776." The note was printed by Hall & Sellers in Philadelphia, 1776.

I have another one just like it except it is a two-thirds of dollar note. I also have a \$20.00 note very similar to Mr. Johnson's \$6.00 note. Mine states on the border that it is issued by "The United States of North American" and was issued January 14, 1779. I have seventeen Colonial and Continental notes in my collection of various denomination and states. The smallest denomination I have is for 6 pence—about 12 cents.

The Colonial notes bear a warning which states "To counterfeit is Death."—K. C. Journal.

E. A. Bowers of the class of 79 has given to the anthropological department of Yale a collection of curiosities obtained from a mound in North Dakota made by Mandan Indians, a race now about extinct.

PREHISTORIC KANSAS CITY.

RELICS OF AN INDIAN CIVILIZATION FOUND ON EAST SIDE.

Boys of the Woodland School, Many Years Ago, Discovered Ground Littered With Stone War Implements—Now a Region of Paved Streets.

Well within the limits of the Kansas City of today, where streets are brick paved, population dense and houses crowd one another, there once stood dwellings of quite another character, in which lived an aboriginal population that, to judge by what is left for another people to find centuries after, must have been industrious and much given to the manufacture of articles and implements necessary to the demands of a primeval existence.

Standing at the intersection of Thirteenth and Vine streets one is in the center of what was once a prehistoric Indian village that at one time covered with its wickiups, tepees, wigwams, whatever they might have been, the district surrounded as far as a block and a half in every direction, north, south, east and west. So remote were the times of this village that when the first whites came to this section there was nothing of it remaining to suggest that it once existed, nor was there even any legend or tradition of it among the Indians the first white adventurers found in the vicinity.

Ground, teeming as though sown broadcast with myriad chips of flint, arrow heads, spearheads, stone hatchets, axes, round stone balls, once heads of warclubs, and the like did not speak to the first whites as it did to even the small boys of a generation that came along after, who found the evidences of the prehistoric town indicating its past existence, its life and its thrift as plainly as the debris of the mounds of Mosul show that Nineveh once was, although over and between those mounds the travelers of peace and the armies of war had journeyed for centuries unseeing, unheeding and uncomprehending.

That this prehistoric Kansas City once was, was discovered by small boys who attended the Woodland school in the first few years after its opening and were wont in the noon recess, hours after school, Saturdays, Sundays, vacation days and holidays, to roam in quest of adventure and anything else of interest to a small boy, all over the open common, the fenced fields, meadows and woods pastures then adjacent to the school. The site of the old Indian town and its vicinity was a favorite range of these small boys—the writer was one of them—and in those days it was inside a rail fence and some years planted in corn and cultivated and again, during one or two seasons, it lay fallow.

Then a Rural Section.

Twelfth street, then a country road, with no houses on either side from a cottage in a pasture at what is now Lydia avenue to the Johnson place, then well up the hill beyond Woodland avenue of today, crossed by a stone culvert, through which small boys could pass if they stooped enough and waded a little spring-fed brook, one of the head feeders of O. K. creek.

Below Twelfth street for nearly half a mile the brook oozed or spread in pools through the low lying, flat, boggy ground, where green willows, reeds and rushes and the roving boys found many "cat-tails" among the reeds and chased an occasional minnow or a more occasional frog, tadpole or crawfish in the pools. From the edge of this marsh on the west the ground rose in a gentle slope, with drainage enough for cultivation.

On their first exploration along this slope, a squad of boys—there were Maurice Royster, Jim Hull, Jack Allen, the writer and one or two others—found the ground, then freshly plowed, littered with chips of flint, from which the boys picked up flint arrow heads and spear heads of many shapes and various sizes, some broken and some complete. All morning they searched the soil, and when they returned home at noon their pockets bulged with these relics of remote times, the indicia of a prehistoric Kansas City.

Many and many a time these boys and others renewed their search for

Indian relics. They found arrow heads, more or less perfect, of every size from that used by the huntsman and warrior down to the tiny point in the arrow of the little Indian boy when he was firm enough on his feet to go forth and bring down his first rabbit or bird. Some of these minute arrow heads were of agate, semi-transparent and beautifully shaped and finished. The boy searchers found many spear heads, some long and slender, some more squat and bulky. Every now and then, though these were few and the finding as of a gold piece in a barrel of pennies, the boys found stone hatchets and axes, mostly broken, and stone balls as round as a baseball and about the same size.

Materials Not Native.

These hatchets, axes and balls were made of pinkish granite, which material, together with that of the arrow heads and spear heads, is not to be found anywhere in the vicinity of Kansas City. This shows that the Indian makers came from far away and brought the material they used for implement manufacture in their settlement of prehistoric Kansas City.

The vast amount of litter, flint chips, etc., on the site of this old-time Indian town surely betokens a long settlement and stay. The stone litter was leavings from the cleavage of manufacture. It takes a long time to clip out a rough arrow head with best steel tools, and few white men have ever found themselves able to make even a very clumsy and crude one, nothing like so perfect as the poorest the Indians made from stone with stone. An Indian population such as was confined in the well defined limits of that old village, hard by the brook, must have stayed there many years to have left such quantity of industrial debris behind.

Only as this debris suggests can there be even a reasonable surmise as to the history and life of this ancient village. Whether it was of war or peace, trouble or content no man can know. Certain it is that a considerable number of its inhabitants worked hard, skillfully and patiently.—Kansas City Star.

MAJOR ANDRE RELIC.

Horace B. Way, New Haven, Conn.

Recently, while in the Yale University Library, I had the pleasure of looking at two very interesting relics which had been placed on exhibition there.

One was a small gilt frame, which contained a sheet of paper, faded and yellow with age, upon which was fixed a lock of hair, very dark in color, having extremely fine filaments.

A written inscription below stated the hair was taken from the head of Major Andre, the British spy.

With this was also a pen portrait of Major Andre, drawn by himself on the night before his execution, and given to one of the American officers in charge.

The second relic was a large tankard, bearing an inscription which showed that it was owned by President Daggett, who was head of Yale College from 1766 to 1778.

The inscription also showed that it was given to the college church by a granddaughter of President Daggett.

These two interesting relics were found in the vaults of the Yale treasury, where they had been hidden away for many, many years.

Laysan Island, which lies in the North Pacific Ocean, 800 miles northwest of Honolulu, is described as one of the most remarkable "bird islands" in the world. Naturalists have rarely visited it. Dr. A. K. Fisher, who examined the island during the voyage of the United States Fish Commission steamer, Albatross, in 1902, found it to be the home of countless thousands of sea-birds, including albatrosses, terns, gannets, frigate-birds, shearwaters, and petrels. Its lone situation is, no doubt, one of the reasons why it is preferred as a home by these wild creatures, who fly before the approach of man when once they have learned his destructive propensities.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Fellow Members:—I trust that as many as possible will attend the convention to be held at Kansas City on Oct. 3rd. I assure you that the committee will have a "good time" in store for all visitors.

It is necessary that we get to work more strongly in the recruiting line. Satisfactory results are not being obtained. We should have twenty-five new applications at least every month.

Only a few have responded to the call for State Vice Presidents. I want a person from every State, Canada and all other countries to hold such an office. That is, a person that is willing to work for new recruits in his state or country. If you would like this office for the state you live in please write me to that effect at once lest you forget.

H. S. Powell, Pres., Storm Lake, Iowa.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, AUGUST 26th, 1910.

91 books in circulation as per last month's report, value	\$2017.66
27 books received since, value	\$459.38
118 books, value	\$2477.04
23 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$134.34 or about	
24 per cent were sold	\$572.04
95 books in circulation	\$1905.00

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report	\$122.00
1 per cent from retired books	5.72
Total amount	\$127.72

I am extremely sorry to hear, that some members have sent books belonging to this department through the mails without registering them. I would ask that every member receiving book unregistered, report the matter at once to me. The party sending stamps in this way will be taken from the circuit, as we cannot afford to run the risk of a heavy loss through the carelessness of some of our members.

Remember I have a plentiful supply of blank sales books, with printed rules of this department. They hold 120 stamps and cost 5 cents each.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Sup't.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

Dear Members:—It is with pleasure I note the goodly number of applicants

every month It shows our society has some backbone to it, and we have a right to feel proud of the second largest stamp society in America. I myself in the last year or so have introduced into the S. P. A., nearly 25 new members. Others have did better, for instance, our president. But what if every member had done the same. We certainly could boast of a great club then. Let's try in the future to grasp every opportunity to get a new member. Our power depends upon our size.

~~Below~~ The ballots will no doubt be out ere this is printed. Be sure to vote I would call your attention that I am on the ballot for Ex Mgr., having been nominated for same. It is my sincere belief I can make this department the drawing card of the society Will you help me by voting for me?

NON-MEMBERS.

Allow me to call your attention to the second largest stamp society in America. Our rates are the LOWEST, our benefits, the greatest. Our large Sales Dept. is worth the cost alone. Again, the Ex. Dept. is worth the cost of membership alone Besides, we have our grand year book and our various other departments.

Send to me for a blank today.

Yours Respectfully, Clarence V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

LETTER TO S. P. A.

Scranton. Pa., Aug. 24, 1910.

Dear Fellow Members:—I note that I have been nominated Exchange Supt; Thanks to the responsible parties, as it has been a desire to hold an office, although I did not seek this.

My interest in stamps began back in 1895 or '96. My interest started in S. P. A. in 1907 or '08, when I became a member. I did not do much in the way of getting members until this year I made up my mind to do something. I have landed sixteen and a branch society and more pending. I will not burden you with promises but if elected I will serve the Dept. to the best of my ability.

Thanking you one and all in advance for your vote, I remain

Fraternal'y yours,

August Mack.

BUSINESS.

Scranton Branch of S. P. A., Aug. 21, 1910.

Meeting called to order by President Alex McKee. The minutes of last meeting were read and also the Treasurer Mr. Mack's, report. No objections being filed, Peabody moved that seconds be adopted. Mr. Dyer seconded the motion. Were adopted as read.

Peabody then made the motion to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the stamp exhibition and to set date Motion made, seconded and carried.

~~Below~~ No more business, session closed at 9:30 p. m. Mr. M. W. Lowry then showed some very interesting covers used before stamps one of which was dated 1818, another Dec. 5, 1820 from Greenwich, others to numerous to mention up to 1854 Also showed an envelope bearing a strip of 5 1c Pan Am., showing imprint and plate No. 1177 and 1172, the five stamps being all in one strip

~~Below~~ Auction sale was then conducted by Sec. Mack, some stamps bringing over full catalogue. Mr. Mack gives 5 per cent of net sales, not 65 per cent as stated last month in the WEST, to the Treasury.

APPLICATIONS.

~~Below~~ 1. Bert Payea, Box 205, Saginaw, Mich., 35, captain lake steamer; F. J. Martin, A. P. S. 3613. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

~~Below~~ 2. Thos. L. Hosmer, 5th Court Ave., Des Moines, Ia., 24, salesman; H. Wendt, Hawkeye Trans. Co. Proposed by H. Wendt.

3. William W. Clewley, Woburn, Mass., 17, student; H. B. Clewley, M.T. Clewley. Proposed by August Mack.
4. Wililam C. Webb, Boonton, N. J., 17, student; C. V. Volt, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
5. T. H. Webb, Boonton, N. J., 21, dealer, F. B. Curby, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
6. Charles K. Warren, Cocoonut Grove, Fla, 15, student. Mr. Werren, father, August Mack. Proposed by August Mack.
7. Clifford E. Bresee, 1107 E. 36 St., Kansas City, Mo., 17, student; Mrs. F. M. Bresee, Geo. D. Levi. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
8. Jno. N. Denglmann, Mankato, Minn., 37, Ass't. cashier; L. Brodstone, Eben S. Martin. Proposed by R. L. Doak.
9. Richard E. Dunne, 48 Hope St., Attleboro, Mass., 15, silversmith; Chas. A. Dunne, Universal Phil. Assn. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
10. Chas. E. Kelsey, 202 Gin Ave., Saginaw, Mich., 26, merchant; F. J. Martin, Peter Mitts Proposed by H. S. Powell.
11. H. R. Goulder, Box 197, Montreal, Canada, dealer. Ref. Brodstone.
12. J. O. Hubel, Detroit, Mich., 1305 Trumbull Ave. Ref. Brodstone.
13. Merrill Zwolle, Berlin, Nowames, Germany. Ref. Hempel.
14. J. H. Stewart, Box 8, Butler, Pa., 22, bank clerk, Jno. G. McMarlin, Geo. D. Smith. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
15. Hattie R. Stratton, 321 Poplar St., Chattanooga, Tenn., teacher of Natural Science, A. P. S., H. S. Powell. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
16. Ralph Spray, Manbua, Ohio, 18, clerk, Fred Weber, George Weber. Proposed by H. S. Powell.
17. Charles L. Heartwell, Box 402, Long Beach, Calif., 40, retired, J. T. Hartwell, Maj. B. C. Kenyon. Proposed by Evans Brown.
18. Johnston Craig, Kirkwood, Mo, 15, student, R. H. Craig, T. A. Schultz. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

The above will be admitted within 20 days if no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that time.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rasmus Bartleson, from Sunbeam, Minn... to Chisholm, Minn.

H. B. Clark from Chetopa, Kans., to 1718 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

REINSTATEMENTS.

389. Emil Richter, R. D. 43, Norwalk, Conn.

424. Hermann Norman, Kissy St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Dear Members: I wish to call your attention to the fact that the next Convention is near at hand and I hope all the members that live in proximity to the convention city, Kansas City, Mo., will arrange to be present. There will no doubt be many who have some matter that they want to lay before the meeting and I hope all will feel free to send this with their proxy and it will be sure to come up. There will be many important things that will come before this meeting and it is my hopes that our western brethren will have a record breaking turnout. I am now preparing some important legislation that I expect to place before the meeting.

The ballots and proxies will be in the hands of all the members ere this appears and it is my sincere hope that all will attend to the matter and mail their ballot and proxy ere it is too late. Hoping that I may hear from all and that we may see a nice list of applications next month, I am,

Fiaternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

EPITAPHS.

By W. H. C., of Liverpool, England.

This is a subject that has never received any attention in your valuable magazine, so I thought a few extracts from many epitaphs in the possession of the writer would prove of interest to all your readers as collectors, for whatever their cult or forte, where is the collector who is not fond of a ramble through an ancient church or cathedral, and if he, or she, cannot gather carved oak screens, gargoyles or stained glass in their travels, they could at least give us a few epitaphs from the ancient tombstones they have stumbled across. So I lead, trusting that others will soon follow, with a gentle hint to the many reverend readers of your valuable magazine.

During a holiday last year in the southwest of England, I visited the noble old Winchester Cathedral, and happened across the following unique lines, with its moral.

In memory of Thomas Thetcher, a Grenadier of Hants Militia, who died of a fever, violent, contracted by drinking small beer, when hot, on the 12th of May, 1764.

Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death by drinking cold small beer.
Soldiers be wise, from his untimely fall,
And when yere hot, drink strong, or none at all.

Added 1781:

An honest soldier never is forgot,
Whether he die by musket or by pot.

American visitors should look out for this unique epitaph when they visit Winchester Cathedral burial ground. It stands on tombstone directly opposite main entrance to the cathedral, and near to the cross paths.

WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON
The Brave	The Wise	The Good
Supreme in War, in Council and in Peace		
Valiant without Ambition	Discrete without Fear	Confident without Presumption

WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON
In Disaster Calm	In Success Moderate	In All Himself

WASHINGTON

The Hero, The Patriot, The Christian, The Father of Nations, The Friend
of Mankind, who, when he had won all, renounced all
and sought,
in the Bosom of his family and of Nature,
Retirement;
and in the Hope of Religion,
Immortality.

—Copied from the Tomb at Mt. Vernon, Va., by J. Leiblinger.

BONES FOR YALE.

The anthropological section of Peabody museum has received from Louis Giraux, treasurer of the Prehistoric society of France, a collection of prehistoric stone implements and bones used in implement making. The collection comes from the society's palaeolithic station in southern France. The section has also received from Harry Whitney, Arctic hunter, a collection of Eskimo objects, including a kavak, and from the estate of W. H. Hotchkiss, '69, a collection representing the Ohio mound builders.

Send ten cents to the WEST for three numbers and have them sent to a friend who is interested WEST. Get two friends at 50 cents a year and get your own free.

Charles J. Fox



J. W. Babcock

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Value of Rare Autographs

QUOTATIONS ON SIGNATURES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Whose signature, among those of celebrities of today, is worth most from the point of view of the autograph dealer and collector? The question is a difficult one to answer, for the simple reason that so much depends on the character and importance of the letter or document to which the signature is attached.

For instance, according to a catalogue issued a short time ago by a London dealer in autographs, while a Kipling letter referring to his writings is worth \$10, an ordinary epistle of the same writer would be sold at \$2 50. The signature of Queen Alexandra can be bought for \$5, but attached to a letter written in her girlhood days would fetch five and probably ten times that amount.

Here are a few of the market prices, so to speak, of other celebrities: Sir L. Alma Tadema, \$2; Sir Squire Bancroft, 75c; J. M. Barrie, \$1; Max Beerbohm, \$2; Sarah Bernhardt \$5; Mr. Birrell, 75c; Miss Braddon \$1; Hall Caine \$2; Mark Twain \$10; A. Conan Doyle \$1.50; Sir W. S. Gilbert \$1; Rider Haggard \$1, and Sir Charles Wyndham \$1.

With regard to famous men of the past, it is interesting to note that while \$315 was asked for a Tennyson letter, a Byron was only priced at \$90 and a Cowper at \$50. The latter amount would have also bought one of Pope's, while the signature of Sir Walter Scott was valued at \$75. \$105 would have bought the signature of George Washington, and \$60 that of Queen Victoria.

\$405 and \$475 was asked for the autographs, respectively, of Dickens and Thackeray, while that of Edward Fitzgerald was priced at \$105.

Mention of the autograph of George Washington reminds one that according to a New York dealer one of the rarest American autographs is that of Thomas Lynch, Jr., who signed the Declaration of Independence as proxy for his father, who was ill at the time. Soon after young Tom Lynch went to sea, and was never heard of again. Autographs of Declaration signers are much sought by collectors, and the dealer referred to bought one affixed to a letter addressed by Lynch to George Washington for \$4000 and sold it to Augustin Daly for \$4500. Daly sold it, and ultimately repurchased it for just over \$5000, eventually presenting it to the Lenox Library, where it now is.

It is curious to note how variable are the prices of royal signatures. While, as already mentioned, \$60 is asked for a Queen Victoria letter, a two-page epistle by the late Empress Frederick of Germany only realized \$5. The sign-manuel of George I has been sold for 50c, that of George III for \$5 and that of George IV for \$2; and it is an interesting fact that while at one sale a letter from Charles I. to

the Earl of Kingston, dealing with the request for a loan of \$25,000, only fetched \$150; Cromwell's signature went for \$400.

There are many persons who collect series of signatures. Some prefer those of literary celebrities, others those of artists, musical celebrities, politicians and so on.

A remarkable collection was that which came into the possession of a London bookseller two years ago, consisting of parliamentary "franks," or postpaid letters. Previous to the introduction of the penny post members of both houses of parliament had the privilege of franking, or causing the free delivery of the letters of themselves and their friends. Thus many thousands of envelopes passed through the post signed in the left-hand bottom corner with the name of a member of the house of lords or commons. An enterprising gentleman succeeded in accumulating 10,000 of these franks, probably the greatest collection of M. P.'s autographs ever made.

One of the most curious collections of autographs is that possessed by a celebrated London firm of hatters, who number royalty among their customers. On the back of the cardboard "shapes" from which a hat is modeled is written the name of the customer, his address, the date of the order and other particulars. The person ordering the hat in most cases writes his own name, and in this way the firm has secured the signatures of many illustrious personages.

Among them are those of King Edward, the Prince of Wales, the King of Spain, the late King of Portugal, the German Emperor, Prince Fushimi of Japan and many other princes and potentates of foreign countries.—English Paper.



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The 144th meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held on the evening of Aug. 30th in the north room of the Cabanne Library. President Bain in the chair and the following members present: Anschuetz, Bain, Chase, Lewis, Mann, Marston, Myers and Schoemann.

Application of Mr. Hugh M. Clark of Chicago proposed by Mr. Chester Myers, for membership was received.

There being no business on hand this evening except that the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved the rest of the evening was given to Mr. Myers, who entertained the members with a most interesting talk of the happenings, and pleasures of the A. P. S. Convention held in Detroit, Mich.

At 10 o'clock it was moved by Mr. Mann seconded by Mr. Myers to adjourn. Motion carried.

Wm. J. H. Anschuetz, Sec. pro tem.

Walter Bain, President.

AFRICAN WEAPONS GIVEN TO YALE.

The anthropological department of Peabody museum of Yale university has received from the Natural History Museum of Stockholm, Sweden, a large collection of objects from the Congo State of Central Africa. It consists of native African utensils, weapons, implements and domestic objects.

Fort Lincoln Site

Lewis and Clark's report tells us, under date Oct. 20th, 1804: " * * * After making twelve miles we camped on the south (it means along the western border of the Missouri river), at the upper part of a bluff containing stone coal of an inferior quality (this is our lignite, or a species of brown coal, wood coal); immediately below this bluff and on the declivity of a hill are the remains of a village covering six or eight acres, formerly occupied by the Mandans. * * *"

That village site is now named "Fort Lincoln site," for the vicinity of what once had been the military post Fort A. Lincoln, built as a cavalry post in 1873, and which was situated immediately south of that knoll on which Lewis and Clark had their camp, the fourth camp within the limits of the present state of North Dakota. On top of the hill overlooking the village site an infantry post was erected in 1872, named Fort Hancock. On the village site below the hill was the forge of the infantry post, which furnished the shoes for the mules and made and repaired the wagons of the baggage train.

According to the information given by an old Indian, about 58 years of age, living on the Sioux Indian reservation at Standing Rock Agency, that village was termed by the Mandans "the slanting village." The Indian referred to claims to be a Mandan, but I believe him to be an Arikara. He reports that he was captured a baby by the Sioux on the south side of the Cannon Ball river, while his folks lived in a village on the north side. The Mandans lived at that time away up the Missouri at Fort Clark, about sixty miles north of the city of Mandan, following the course of the river, while some of the Arikaras lived in some few villages about the Cannon Ball river and below. I have found their villages, and also that village site north of the Cannon Ball river, which, if indications tell a story, seems to me plainly to have been an Arikara village. The Arikaras have been called by French traders "the Rees," and they bear that name yet with the Sioux. The Sioux speak of that village on the north bank, on top of a high plateau, as a "Ree village." Now let us look at the Mandan village site at present known as "Fort Lincoln site." It had been built on a gradually sloping, even ground, sloping toward the Missouri river, and no doubt but that river has washed its eastern banks at the time of occupation. The growth of timber on the lowlands below marks unmistakably the different beds at different times this capricious, changeable river has taken. Now the Missouri is maybe a quarter of a mile off to the east and the Heart river, probably having taken up the old bed of the Missouri, empties into the latter to the northeast under the ancient village. Between the now existing broken bank of the village site and the mouth of the Heart river into the Missouri is first a landslide, which tumbled down part of the village, and lower still a sandy bottom, grown with red willows and overflowed every spring at break up.

On both sides of the site, to the northwest and to the southeast, are deep ravines, grown with timber now. Towards the southwest and south, on the declivity of the hill, were ditches running downwards into the ravines. The earth from the ditches was thrown inside toward the village and helped to form higher mounds surrounding the village than those found inside the intrenchment. Inside are low mounds, caused by the leveling of the sloping surface, for obtaining a level floor for the lodges. The circles of the former lodges are deep impressions, plainly visible, and often grown with buckbrush or, very prettily, with briars, when the wild roses are in bloom. In one of the lodge circles even an ash tree, about ten inches in diameter, found its growth. The lodge circles, surrounded by a very low elevation, are from 40 to 45 feet in diameter. The elevations have been formed in the first instance by the ground being thrown up, leveling the place, by refuse thrown out of the lodges, and also by the clay covering of the lodges falling from the timber walls to the ground. In these elevations do we find our specimens of relics, though they are not deeper than a few feet, and the

finds are pretty meagre there. It seems that the inhabitants of that village have been a very clean and orderly people and that they have carried the rubbish out of the lodges, either to the edges of the village, at the same time elevating the outer earthworks for better protection, or had some common dump pile where all the neighboring lodge owners heaped up the refuse and rubbish of their domiciles. This conception seems to be endorsed by the fact that on the broken bank, once closer to the center of the village before the occurrence of the landslide spoken of above, is one of the best treasure resorts in relics. The deposits there are 8 to 10 feet deep. All along the broken bank there three or more layers of charred corncocks, about 9 to 12 inches apart, mixed with ashes, dirt and refuse, are recognizable. If every layer of such corncocks means one corn crop, and each corn crop one year, the village had been occupied for about ten years.

By authentic sources I am informed that the Mandan and the Arikaras lived there together, or in close proximity, twenty years before the arrival of Lewis and Clark, but after a quarrel they had separated. The Mandans and some of the Arikaras moved together up the Missouri, while the soreheads of the Arikaras preferred to migrate down toward and below the Cannon Ball river, and that is where that lone Mandan or Arikara Indian at Standing Rock Agency originates from, born about 1847.

Before I go on further to describe and to explain the use of implements found at Fort Lincoln site, a village of distinct Mandan character, I wish to impart my practice and my observation as to how these implements are found. Of course, by digging for them. There are different ways of digging. I saw a man thrusting his spade into the ground as if digging potatoes, breaking up valuable bone implements by this rude way of procedure. I dig a small hole, or rather start at the foot of a mound, easiest at the broken bank. Then I use the pick and undermine. Implements frequently fall from the top on to the loose ground and are easily picked up. Then I search the loose ground by aid of a hoe. Many specimens are found that way. Finally, I throw the searched ground out, spreading it, or at the bank I let it slide down. Then, after a rain or after heavy wind storms in dry weather, I go over the surface of the ground thrown out or rolled down the bank, and often am the lucky finder of very valuable articles. Arrowheads and smaller flint implements are generally found in that way.

1. Then I have observed that in some place you find principally flint chips, fragments of flint implements, broken and perfect arrowheads and bone chippers used in the manufacture of flint implements.

2. In another place there are bone implements prevalent, either of one kind or another.

3. At another place ornaments and bone beads; at another, potsherds, hoes from shoulderblades of the buffalo, scrapers, flint knives, bone awls.

4. Again in another heap there are ashes, fishbone and fishhooks.

Broken bones are all over, remains of the feasting when buffalo was in plenty.

My observation led me to believe that the Indians had their tradesmen. Some were more skillful in the manufacture of some certain kind of implement, and made such for their own use as well as for trade with their neighbors. The Indians always have been great traders, and also gamblers. They enjoyed games of all sorts, as the marked bones cut square, or scoria and other flattened bones marked on one side, found among the refuse, make us presume with a good reason.

Where potsherds and ashes are deposited in profusion, we intrude on the kitchen department and find implements used by the women, while the fish bones and hooks tell us that in the neighboring lodges the ones lived who were commissioned with the catching of fish,—catfish, generally.

The publisher and printer in charge of WEST were away most of August, and this was the cause of part of the reading pages being mixed among the ads in the back.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to this Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Put-in-Bay Island is one of a group in Lake Erie, midway between Detroit and Cleveland. It abounds in minerals, being chiefly underlaid with limestone, in which are many small caves. In these caves the water of the lake forms numerous clear pools. Mr. Gustav Heinemann bought a portion of this island, including a well which had been drilled to the level of the lake, and a bed of strontianite, partly worked. On examining this well, Mr. Heinemann determined to enlarge it, and in doing so, broke through into a wonderful circular cavern, walled and overhung with great blue-white crystals of the rare mineral. He has now fitted this grotto and the passages leading to it with electric lights, so that it glitters and sparkles like a fairy palace. It is believed that other caves are waiting discovery here, and the whole region invites the exploration of scientific men. Some of our readers must know of other interesting caves. Let us have descriptions of them, which will be thankfully received by all of our other readers interested in rare formations and mineral discoveries.

Engraved gems are among the most interesting objects of art inherited by us from the ancients. Though many of the cameos and intaglios were engraved on precious stones over 2,000 years ago, they are still as clear and fine as if they were cut yesterday. The designs engraved on these stones indicate that the old Greeks and Romans regarded them as charms against accident or misfortune. This superstition generally took the form of a fondness for representation of certain animals. Sailors affected the dolphin, because it was believed to be the mariner's friend. Women, so far as fishes were concerned, preferred the representation of the prolific aringa of the Adriatic, which was a symbol of fruitfulness because of the great number of its eggs. The ant was worn as an emblem of industry. By the frog was indicated the idea of resurrection, because that interesting batrachian renews its youth each spring by shedding its old skin.

According to a British scientific journal, there are seventeen metals more valuable than gold, viz., iridium, valued at 60 pounds per pound troy; gallium, 75 pounds; rhodium, 85 pounds; osmium, 120 pounds; ruthenium, 200 pounds; palladium, about 216 pounds; barium, 280 pounds; didymium, 500 pounds; cerium, 525 pounds; yttrium, 630 pounds; strontium, 670 pounds; calcium, 700 pounds; glucinium, 820 pounds; lithium, 1,080 pounds; zirconium, 1,115 pounds; rubidium, 1,400 pounds; vanadium, 1,725 pounds.

FOREST GAINES.

Finds Montezuma's Park

ARCHAEOLOGIST THINKS SUCCESS CROWNS LONG SEARCH.

After five years of study Dr. Guillermo Tellez, an archaeologist believes he has discovered the famous botanical garden constructed by the vassals of Montezuma I, emperor of the Aztecs.

The site of the garden has been located near the ancient town of Oaxtepec, state of Morelos, and Dr. Tellez has discovered numerous plants and trees, unknown in other parts of the republic, which give confirmation to his belief that the playground of the famous emperor has been found.

Another indication that the actual site of the ancient garden has been located is the finding nearby of stones bearing Indian hieroglyphics which are supposed to be the ruins of a hospital built near the garden by Moctezuma II.

The few parchments of Aztec history which are found in the republic speak of the botanical garden made by the first Moctezuma, in which were rare plants, trees and flowers gathered from near and far. The garden seems to have been the favorite hobby of the emperor and it is written that he spent much of his time in a palace constructed in the Indian village not far from there.

The climate of Oaxtepec offered a desirable change after a residence in this altitude and Moctezuma with his court traveled frequently between the two points. It is stated that at one time he contemplated establishing the capital of the kingdom at Oaxtepec, building his palace in front of the great garden.

Spanish history confirms the finding of an immense park in which every species of flora native to this part of the continent could be found. The park is now covered by deep folds of clay and sand deposited by the centuries but Dr. Tellez has succeeded in digging out of the mass some rare plants which he thinks will be a valuable addition to Mexican flora. He has asked the government to build an arch or gateway in Aztec style at the entrance to the park and that the latter be restored to its former glory. It is estimated that the park covers several hundred acres.

FIND ANCIENT SPANISH HAMMER IN OLD MINE.

City of Mexico, July 10.—When the Otate mine in Sonora was recently drained there was found, say the Oasis of Nogales, in the old workings an antiguo hammer of peculiar model left there more than a hundred years ago by the early Spaniards who worked the mine and are reputed to have extracted much gold. The hammer, which had been rusted greatly by a century's action, is nearly twice as large as an ordinary sledge hammer, which weighs about eight pounds. The one found in the mine weighs about fourteen pounds. The striking head is flattened, as in an ordinary sledge, but the other end is drawn to a chisel edge, blunted greatly now by corrosion. The tool has a short wooden handle, no longer than that in an ordinary single handed drilling hammer. When found the handle was covered with an earthy deposit which dried and fell away, leaving free the wood, which is remarkably well preserved.

The object of the chisel on one end of the head of the hammer has been, the cause of much conjecture by those who have seen it. The Oasis hazards a guess that it was to start the great drill holes the antiguo miners made to break up the ground. They sunk to great depth holes about four inches in diameter. These they filled with lime, plugged, and poured in water. The swelling lime broke up the ground. Such an implement as was found at Otate would be needed to start the hole and sink it a few inches, then a large hand churn drill would be used to sink to the depth needed.—Mexico Daily Record.

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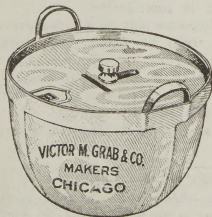
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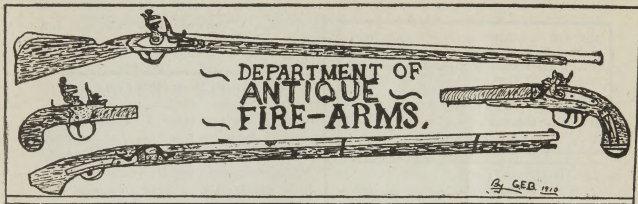
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—INTRODUCTION—

There are over 5000 people in the United States who are especially interested in old fire arms and to whom no magazine, paper or periodical has ever devoted any attention worth mentioning. The membership of the American Society of Antique Weapon Collectors and all other persons interested in the study of antique guns and pistols are to be congratulated that Mr. Brodstone has so kindly established this department. It is my ambition to make this new feature of the WEST one of interest not only to collectors of ancient fire arms, but to all other persons as well.

G. ELLSWORTH BROWN.

—BUREAU OF INQUIRY—

All questions addressed to the editor of the Fire Arm Department will be answered under this head each month hereafter. All inquiries concerning old fire arms are earnestly solicited and will be answered in full. Address communications to G. Ellsworth Brown, Athens, Tennessee.

QUESTION—Name some of the best books on old firearms I can buy to study.
J. E. C.

ANSWER—I would suggest the following, yet there are many others of equal interest and importance: "Firearms in American History," by Charles W. Sawyer. "The Rifle in Colonial Times," by H. Kephart. "The Gun and its Development," by W. W. Greener. "Weapons of War," by A. Demmin. "A Treatise on Ancient Armor and Weapons," by Francis Grosse. "The Tower Armories," by Hewitt. "Notes sur un Pistolet Ecosais," by Georges Stalin. If you will send me a stamped self-addressed envelope I will be glad to tell you where you can purchase the books mentioned.

QUES.—(1) Were Wheellock arms ever used in America, if so, when?

(2) Is the statement correct in the article, "Early History of Firearms," No. 3 of Vol. 47 of the WEST saying wheellocks were operated by means of a spiral spring, and that one winding would usually discharge the gun several times? I have never heard of other than the ribbon spring variety and would like to know if there is one operated by a spiral spring. P. M. M.

ANS.—(1) Wheellock muskets, rifles and pistols were used in this country, by such as could afford them, until about 1700. They were imported from Europe and were very expensive.

(2) I have consulted several authorities on antique pistols and have studied the wheellock in American and European museums, both by means of photographs and descriptions and actual handling thereof, and I have never seen or heard of a wheellock such as you inquire about.

NOTE. The descriptive sketches of old pistols will be continued next issue, omitted this time on account of lack of space.

THE KENTUCKY RIFLE.—By G. Ellsworth Brown.

We listen with amazement to the stories of Daniel Boone and other men of his time, who handled the rifle with as deadly effect as did Robin Hood with his long bow. We venerate, as we listen to these tales of pioneer days, the brave, cool, self-reliant forerunners of western civilization as they stood on the bastions

of Boonesborough and Ft. Watauga exchanging shots with the treacherous Shawnoe or Cherokee when every bullet fired was intended to extinguish a human life.

This part of America lying east of the Mississippi was conquered by the gun and the axe. To the early settler these tools were indispensable, but the gun was absolutely necessary to existence. Food had to be procured from the wilds of the forest; protection from the hands of the merciless savage was secured only by the terror of the pioneer's well directed bullet; the title itself to the new and unexplored country was purchased and retained by the power of the conqueror's deadly fire from what the superstitious savage thought to be a magic wand or scepter of Death.

The American rifle, called for a great while the Kentucky rifle, frightened the aborigines from their ancient haunts, crushed and exiled them forever from their beloved hunting grounds, drove two mighty European nations from their usurped possessions, and were the first firearms whose effects were the result of accuracy and careful aiming instead of mere chance or terror inspired by the explosion.

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NOTICE. There are in course of preparation for this department two articles of unusual interest, one is entitled, "The Pistols of Henry Nock," the other is, "A Study of Wheellock and Multi-Firing Pistols Made Before 1800." Both will be profusely illustrated.

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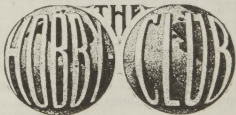
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EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

1922. Alden Haiern, San Antonio del Huerta, Sonora, Mexico.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

1660. Miss Lucile Hamilton has been sick and unable to answer cards. Hereafter she desired only foreign.

1964. R. J. Mertz is specializing in park views and water scenes; would like to hear from all.

1992. C. L. Bloxham says he is leaving for several months absence in the

hills and will be unable to receive mail.

2027. In printing name of this member part was omitted. It should be Miss Ida J. Kinney, Box 213, Guilford, Conn., desires foreign views only, stamp view side.

Members who have not done so, should send stamp and receive the June and July copies of the monthly list. They contain considerable information that can not be printed here for lack of space. A list is now being printed each month.

RENEWALS.

1827. L. V. DeGroff, Box 8, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.

1870 M. Zwolle, Nowawes-Berlin, Germany.

NEW MEMBERS.

2035. Luis G. Tejeda, Calle de Jesus 114, Guadajara, Jal., Mexico.

2036. John W. Detrick, 216 Main St., Plattsburg, Pa., (always sends first)

2037. Wm. Topping, Box 95, Montrose, New York.

2038. Mrs. T. R. Miller, Lock Box 12, Lake Linden, Michigan.

2039. Edgar T. Beddingfield, care H. T. Hicks Co., 101 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, N. Carolina.



The 79th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Aug. 5th, Mr. Virgil M. Brand presiding in the absence of the President and Vice President. The following fourteen members were present: Messrs. Lewis, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Leon, Michael, Vercouter, Jochem, Blumenschein, Holmes, Johnston and Baker.

The special order of the evening was the discussion of the matter of inviting the American Numismatic Ass'n. to hold its convention in Chicago in 1911. Those present gave expressions on the subject, and on motion the Secretary was instructed to send an invitation from the Society to the General Secretary.

Mr. Johnston offered a resolution that it is the sense of the Society that there should be adopted in this country an uniform grading of uncirculated coins into two classes: those that are absolutely perfect, and those short of that condition.

Mr. Baker read a poem on the Value of Money.

Magazines received since last meeting were: The Elder Magazine for June and July, Mehl's Monthly, Spink's Circular, Numismatische Correspondenz, Numismatischer Verkehr and Philatelic West for June. Auction catalogs were received from Elder and Steigerwalt.; and a priced catalog from Low.

Adjourned to meet Sept. 2nd, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

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City of Mexico.—An Aztec idol said by archaeologists to be the figure of the goddess of the failing harvest. was unearthed by workmen while making excavations for waterworks here today. The figure is a woman in sitting posture with hands clasped about the knees. It has been placed in the National Museum.

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Relics in Lake County, Calif.

By W. L. White

Lake county, known, as the "Shut in or Walled in" county, owing to the many ranges of high mountains that surround it on all sides, contains much of interest to the traveler, naturalist and Indian relic collector. Here still roams the last of the "Digger" and "Pomo" Indians, far famed as basket makers; makers of that queer little "Tule" or "Tuley" boat that was at one time used on clear lake. The writer saw an old Indian in a race with other boats, skiffs and dugouts not over two years ago. I doubt if there is one now left of a fleet that perhaps numbered a hundred or more. A few of the dugouts made of a single tree trunk, burned or hewn out, with stone axes, are still to be seen on the lake. Many a time when out in my launch I have seen an Indian and family going to town, paddling along in a good breeze with a sea running, and never shipping a drop of water, while I was taking them solid over the bow of the launch. These dugouts are very long and narrow—about 18 to 20 feet long, 10 inches deep, 16 inches wide; they are very good sea boats if one knows how to handle them right—something a white man never can learn to do.

Many are the "finds" of relics of the distant past found around the shores of Clear lake, a fine body of water 25 miles long by 9 miles wide (in winter it is about 30 miles by 10 or 11 owing to the very large rain fall). Sometimes it rains as much as an inch a day for weeks together. Old Capt. Atherton, an old sailing master that came up here years ago, from the coast to spend his remaining years in peace, owned luanches on the lake, and while taking parties out around the lake shore, always spent the time ashore hunting Indian relics. I am told that he had a fine collection numbering some thousands, something like three or four cracker boxes full—mostly arrow heads. There are also many other collections that I do not know of. I am sure, as one can see in Lake Port, etc., in the gardens and yards large bowls and pestles and of different colors. Be it noted, that we have here a volcanic mountain known as Konockti—in Indian it means a dead horse, as there is to be plainly seen any day (but much better after a shower when the outlines are all filled with snow) the figure of a horse upside down. This horse is about one mile long by half a mile wide and presents a very queer sight. This mountain contains miles of a striped glass looking like agate. This was used by the Indians in making their arrows as well as ornaments, now very rare. The writer has an arrow that is red and looks as if made of blood, then faded. Of the many thousands of arrows I have seen, having been in the curio business about eight years on land and sea, I don't think I ever saw such a queer looking arrow. Also in a fine collection owned by a Mrs. Reeves, I noted a queer looking pipe, which was made of a three-colored soft stone, and looked like the heart of a small animal. Then lastly I have seen some fine large beads—some melted containing bones, (Indians?) that are made of two to four colored stone or the so called volcanic bottle rock, or volcanic glass noted above. But note the colors are not in stripes but are like 3 different sized beads inserted inside of each other. Thus some beads about one inch long, show an outside an ash color, next inside is a red; then a blue or sometimes a brown or a mixed color as melted glass. I think these beads are made of the glass, volcanic bottle rock. Then in some manner the Indian bead manufacturer, used the pigment coloring of roots, etc., and so colored same. I would like some information on this from some one that known something in regard to same. I have some thousand of the beads, about

10 different kinds, but all that are melted in any way show that the colors had "run." On the ranch of C. G. Rogers near Finley, on Jan. 22, last, Mr. Rogers' three young sons while digging about 100 feet back of their house, found a heap of gravel, etc., in which were found all kinds of beads, some made of shell from a clam that is still found in Clear lake, some from salt water shells from the ocean, some were of horn, some bone but mostly of the queer colored stone mentioned above. Many pounds of them were found, also some bones which I think were from animals cooked there. I was able to obtain about three pounds of the beads, mostly a kind of seed bead that is very small while many were melted in a lump containing 25 to 100 beads each.

At the time of finding the beads, Mr. Rogers also found a very good small ax or adze, and when the rust was removed the ax was found to have a fine temper and it is now as good as new. Some long (four to eight inch) sharp rods or something about the size of large nails were also found. Those, I think, were used to drill holes in making beads, etc. The Indians now are making and using an odd drill for making holes in the crude beads they make today of shell or most anything that can be worked up. I notice the small boys and girls on the gravel roads hunting soft stones for bead material, etc.

The different Indian tribes, there are parts of three tribes left—make beautiful baskets of all sizes from that of a buckshot or pea made of horsehair, in many colors, and valued by curio dealers any way at \$5.00 or \$10.00; up to the large wood and fish baskets three feet high. Almost every night now the Indians go around the creeks, get in, wade up stream making all kinds of noise—with their fish baskets held ready to dash over any luckless fish seen in shallow water. They sometimes get as many as 500 to a wagon load of fish. It is very odd (a very great distance to windward) to see the Squaws big as a bear mostly, baking the fish in the many camp fires lighted for that purpose. Only recently I heard of an old Indian woman that was grinding up a lot of acorns, for mush. In early days before the whites came here, the Red Man lived on the wild animals, seeds like buckeye, weed seed and many other things that are now only a memory of the savage past.

A great part of the correspondence of the famous men of the United States is still in the possession of their descendents. Another large part is stored in the libraries of the historical societies, and institutions like Washington's headquarters, at Newburgh, Morristown, and similar places. During the past twenty-three years much has fallen into my possession, and been broken up and distributed. The Gerry papers were the last instance of this kind. In comparatively few cases the complete papers of some celebrity are owned by private collectors.

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DEAR MEMBERS:—With this issue I resign control of the society and on Sept. 1st, Mr. James A. Carr, Jr., Belleville, Ill, will take charge and push the society for a greater society than ever. I am confident that Mr. Carr, will be of greater help to the society than I have been and he is thoroughly interested and experienced all along the line. I beg of the members to wake up and help the new Sec. Treas. and keep the society growing faster all the time. I thank the members for their help and support and offer you the new manager with a full knowledge that he is a fine fellow and that he will over-reach the limit to give the society the best there is to get. He has written me of several changes and I know that they will be for your own good.

- 2344. E. H. Hufham, Llano, Tex.
- 2345. F. Sherman, Pueblo, Colo., 229 W. 15th; stamps.
- 2346. Mr. O. L. Halvorson, Box 28, Gunder, Iowa, Post cards; names should have been in Feb. Report.
- 2347. Minne Zwolle, Berlin, Nowawes, Germany, publisher and post card collector.
- 2348. J. Hubel, Detroit, Mich, 1305 Trumbull Ave., stamps recancels.
- 2349. C. Goulden, Montreal, Can., stamps. Agent Stanley Gibbons goods.
- 2350. Edgar Lincoln, London W England 144 Kensington High St., coins, stamps.
- 2351. Dr. G. R. Gleason, San Francisco, 126 Guadalejaro, Mexico. stamps.
- 2352. H. Hempel, Brooklyn, N. Y. post cards.
- 2353. Selma F. Smith, 104 Dallas Road, Victoria, B. C. Can. old china.

Don't miss being at Kansas City at the convention as many members and collectors are expected to be present.

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Fraternally yours,

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Yours truly,

Chas. A. Ballou, Monte Ne, Ark.

The rarest United States quarter dollar, having a price record of \$360, will be sold by Elder's, when a large collection of rare coins will be sold. Only about a half dozen specimens of the 1823 25-cent piece are known to exist, although the Mint records show that 17,800 were originally made. The coin is so scarce that the cataloguer said that this is the only one he has had to offer in 50 coin sales. Another rare coin to be sold is a United States \$5 gold piece dated 1798, which was struck from dies that had been issued in 1797. The Hartfrandt collection of medals to be offered embraces many fine specimens of medallion art, among which is the first medal made in America, dated 1756 and known as the "Kittanning medal," made by a Philadelphia jeweler and awarded to Col. John Armstrong for the destruction of the Indian village of Kittanning.—Jewelers Circular.

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International Stamp Exhibition

In Berne is situated the Central Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, by which are organized the great conventions of representatives of the postal administrations of all nations. These conventions are meetings of a veritable Parliament of Posts, which meets at intervals of about seven years to decide questions affecting the international exchange of correspondence. Here, in the Swiss capital has been erected the monument by M. de St. Marceaux to commemorate the "Jubilee" of the Union; this monument was unveiled there last year.

One of the duties of the International Bureau of the Postal Unions is to receive "specimen" copies of all new postage stamps issued in any part of the world. About 750 copies of each stamp, specially overprinted with the word "Specimen", are sent to the bureau by each issuing country, and the bureau uses these stamps to notify other postal administrations concerning the new issues, so that the stamps will be duly recognized as legitimate issues when they commence to circulate throughout the world.

It is the postal importance that attaches to Berne, as well as to the natural attractions of Switzerland, that I attribute the large influx to the Swiss capital of stamp dealers and collectors from practically all the European States, and from America, to visit the International Philatelic Exhibition which was opened there on September 3rd. The United Kingdom is well represented and most of the leading English collectors were quartered there several days, assisting in the building up of the exhibition.

The new Berne Casino, where the stamp exhibition is being held, is undoubtedly the finest hall that has been used for such a purpose. Its area is enormous, and although well laid out, the committee has had a task of no mean difficulty in apportioning the space amongst nearly two hundred exhibitors.

The scene in the Casino on the night of September 2nd was one that would have opened the eyes of the philistine in stamp matters. For two days it had seemed as if the exhibition would not be nearly ready by the opening time, and by dinner time of September 2nd, everything seemed in a very backward state. The predicament of the Swiss workers was discussed over the dinner tables of the chief hotels, and as soon as dinner was over the English and American contingent of visitors went in a body to the hall, and armed themselves with hammers and drawing pins, and set to work arranging collections in the frames. In evening dress, but discarding their jackets, there were millionaires and merchant princes working harder than they had ever worked before, and others who had motored here in luxurious ease were working themselves at high pitch as if life itself depended upon getting the exhibition ready, and all for the overwhelming interest that they find in postage stamps.

The exhibition was ready in good time for the inaugural ceremony at half-past ten on September 3rd.

M. Ruffy, the director of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union made the opening speech in the presence of a large company of ladies and gentlemen. He referred to the attraction and interest stamps possess for persons in all stations and at all stages of life. The schoolboy, he said, forgetful of his tasks, would dream of a Basle dove or a Geneva "Large Eagle" (rare varieties of early Swiss cantonal stamps) flying into his small album. From the little Tuscan boy who, bare footed, meets you on the steps of San Domingo or San Agostino, and showing you his collection in an exercise book, demands "a francobollo estero", and then conducts you to see the native masterpieces, to the occupants of Royal palaces, postage stamp collecting had its interest for all. (To be continued).

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
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
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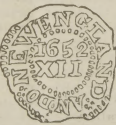
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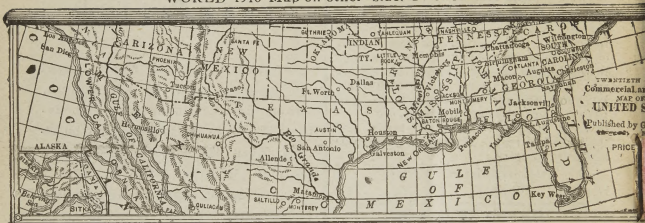


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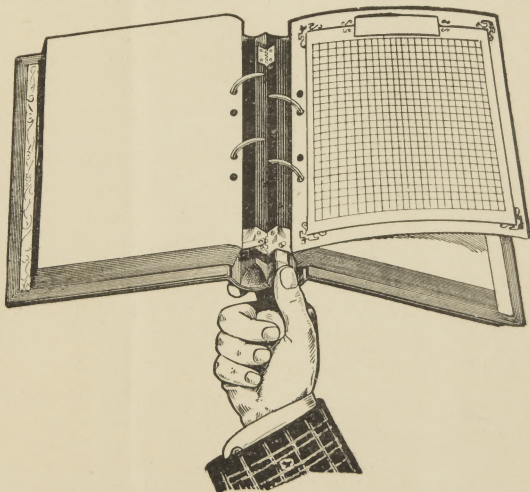
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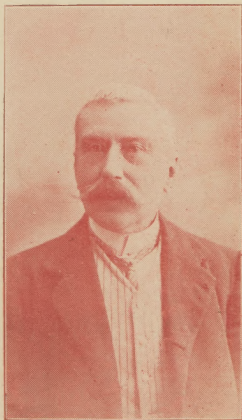
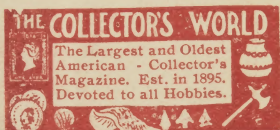
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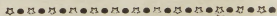
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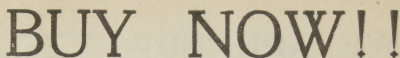
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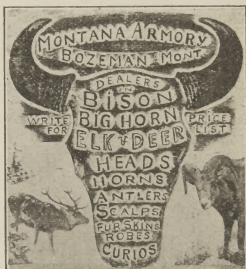
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

MR. EDGAR LINCOLN, whose portrait appears in this issue has sent a specimen copy of a new catalogue he has just published of English silver and copper coins from William the Conqueror to Edward VII, and he points out that many more illustrations have been added to this catalog which has now reached its 8th edition. This useful little book also contains descriptions, well illustrated, of English Colonial and Foreign coins in copper, bronze, nickel and silver, and he calls attention to the many interesting notes made in the series of English Coins, giving the date when milled money was first introduced, and many other numismatic matters in the coin collector will find this little work of great interest to them. It contains over 380 illustrations of obverses and reverses of the various coins described and its price is only 6d. or 12 cents,—post free 14 cents. Mr. Edgar Lincoln has also sent me outline description of an Introductory Guide to the Study of Roman Imperial Coins, containing illustrations of Roman coins and giving the dates of Birth, Death and Principal Historical events of the Caesars, Emperors, Empresses and Usurpers which promises to be a very useful work when completed. He is at work at it now, and when printed he will send a specimen

copy, when I shall be able to give a more explanatory account of it. He tells me it will be published about the end of September, and the price will be 6d or 12 cents,—post free 14 cents. See his ads in WEST and his brother is the oldest stamp dealer in the world. He has had 2 page ads most of the year and issues one of best stamp catalogs seen.

VERNON P. GALE is greatly interested in the collection of stamps and curios and is always glad to hear from fellow collectors and will answer all. He says he expects to take the WEST as long as he can spare the price of subscription. He has collected for twelve years and has over four thousand varieties of stamps. He also collects old curios. He was born December 2nd, 1886, and is a mailing clerk in the Valley City post office and is a sergeant in the Co. G 1st No. Dak. Nat. Guard and has served 5 years with that company. He has read the WEST for the last nine years and has taken it for the last five. He is especially interested in Siam and the Philippine issues.

MR. STEPHEN GOLDER, editor of the Canadian Philatelist, is better known to American stamp collectors by his contributions to the American press, than in person. He has always been an enthusiastic collector, but like many others has from time to time disposed of his collection only to start collecting again. Mr. Golder has had many opportunities to meet collectors in different parts of the world, having some few years ago travelled extensively in the United States, Mexico, Hawaii. He has twice visited South Africa, making one of a party that crossed the Rhodesian district in a bullock wagon before the railway was constructed to Salisbury. He has been to Mozambique, Nyassa, Madagascar, Zanzibar, and many points in British East, West and Central Africa. In addition he has visited every capital of Europe twice. In his early days Mr. Golder was for seven years connected with the large publishing house of Iliffe and Sturney, of Coventry, England, acting as private secretary to the firm, and for two years was editor and manager of Bicycling News, resigning his position to act as foreign and colonial representative for a big English Syndicate. During his residence in Regina, Canada, for three and one half years he has occupied the position of night editor of the Regina Leader, contributing and editing a philatelic column in that paper, besides contributing to other papers. Mr. Golder's stamp collection is a general one. He collects stamps of all kinds, and if he has any particular weakness it is for old European issues. His collection is not large, numbering 10,200 varieties, but contains a complete collection of all the Japanese issues.

In this issue the WEST presents to its readers a picture of a rare collection of old guns owned by Steven B. Smith of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Smith is an enthusiast along this line, and has succeeded in obtaining a collection that is admired by all who see it. The collection consists of fifty guns, all acquired in about three years. He has secured fine specimens from the old Colonial flint lock to the modern self action revolver. All were secured in his native state, Ohio. The most historic gun in the lot is a four barrel Sharps, 32 calibre, said to have been carried by a member of the Jesse James gang that terrorized the middle west by the atrocious robberies of thirty years ago. The manner in which the present owner secured this weapon was quite strange indeed. The wife of the owner of this gun at that time sued in the county court for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty. In the testimony brought out during the trial it developed that the defendant, in his younger days was a member of the Jesse James gang of outlaws. This was brought before the notice of the court, it was claimed, to prove the character of the defendant. The divorce was granted and the defendant soon sickened and died. Among his personal effects was found this historic weapon, and Mr. Smith knowing its record, arranged for its purchase.

General Collecting

Mr. Ewen is making strenuous endeavors to set collectors on the right road. A stamp collection should show the stamps of the world, it cannot be expected to go into the minute details, it would cost too much money to the owner and be too cumbersome for his friends to look at. A stamp collection should be like an advanced school history which give a general view of the governments and peoples of the entire world. In the same way a stamp album should show the postal issues of the whole world. Give examples of every type of stamp and the various makeshifts which have been adopted in times of trouble by nations, or through lack of communications by distant colonies. The "Seebecks" show the efforts of impecunious governments to make money out of collectors and are as notable in this way as the five pound stamp of Great Britain which indicates the enormous business of that country. The silly ideas of other countries which refrain from placing the Emperor's head on their stamps because they would be struck and defaced by the postal clerks (The base uses to which their portrait coins are put has not occurred to them). The schemes adopted by countries inhabited by people speaking different languages are interesting and must be noted by the onlooker of average intelligence. The flaunting of religion on the stamps of Belgium carries us back to the dark ages of numismatics when the only religion in the state was expressed by a scriptural quotation on its money. Space will not allow us to call attention to one tenth of the things brought or called to mind by stamp collecting but to show these things the collection must be general. The stamps of your own country may show its modern history but the lowest grades of the public school has impressed this on the memory of all children and does not require a stamp collection to enforce its lessons. Going back to Ewen we clip the following sensible remarks from his advertisement:

"We consider that general collecting is the backbone of the hobby. Dealers whose stock is selling slowly will find on careful analysis that this is not due to the ever-increasing popularity of New Issues but to the falling number of general collectors on their ledgers. Specialism, although perhaps scientifically a higher form of collecting, tends to increase the demand for really rare or abnormal varieties or "pieces" at the expense of the rest of the stock. "General collecting" evens up the demand, so that everything is saleable. In other words, the system of collecting fostered by Exhibitions and Club displays increases the demand for what a dealer has not got in stock and diminishes the sale for stock after it has been picked over by one or two specialists, whereas with general collecting there is a general demand for everything. As soon as this is more generally recognized, "New Issues" will cease to be blamed for what they are not responsible and the opposition in certain quarters to Simplified Stamp Collecting will change to support of what we really believe to be a system of collecting that will prove of great benefit to the hobby."

General collecting is the only rational way to fill an album but to make this popular all the frills must be omitted. Watermarks, perforations, varieties of surcharges must be eliminated, while such things as "due stamps" which are not postage stamps, "official stamps," which in the majority of cases are simply made to sell to collectors or where legitimately made are used to simplify book-keeping, taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another with the precaution of taking a receipt for it.—Metropolitan.

The first $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue & 2r scarlet stamps of Costa Rica were issued April 20, 1862

WASHINGTON NOTES--By J. V. Perkins

The National Museum at Washington has recently inaugurated an exhibit of postage stamps. Although not generally known, the Museum has for years been in possession of a large collection of stamps left by a former Secretary, S. F. Baird, to which has been added from time to time various gifts of collections, new issues etc., as well as many official stamps received on mail matter all over the world. This makes the second collection under Governmental auspices in Washington, the Post Office Department possessing the well known collection of unused United States stamps of all issues in sheet form.

The last Congress passed a bill granting the franking privilege to ex-president Roosevelt, and at the same time extended its provisions to include all future ex-presidents, as well as the widows of dead Presidents. Mingled applause and laughter greeted the remark of a prominent Democrat in opposing the bill: "Knowing the former President as well as we do, we should provide an additional appropriation for the postoffice service."

Ten million sheets of internal revenue stamps were recently destroyed at the Bureau of Engraving. These stamps, representing a face value of nearly five million dollars, were rendered useless to the Government by reason of the changes in taxes caused by the new Payne-Aldrich tariff act. The stamps were first counted and then burned in bundles of a ton a day.

For the first time the gross receipts of the Chicago postoffice have exceeded the receipts of the New York City postoffice, the margin being over \$55,000. This record was made during the month of August. At the fifty largest postoffices in the United States, the receipts for August of this year exceeded those for August, 1909, by nearly a million dollars.

The Secretary of the Treasury recently announced his intention to reduce the size of paper currency, claiming thereby a saving to the Government, in the matter of paper, etc., sufficient to justify the proposed change. While it has not been stated just when the change will be put in operation, it is understood that vigorous opposition to the plan has developed in various quarters, the principal argument being the inconvenience resulting from having two styles of paper money in circulation at the same time. It is claimed that it would take at least ten years to entirely effect the substitution of the smaller notes. The banks would probably be the most inconvenienced, owing to the necessity of sorting large and small notes, changing of certain fixtures, etc., and the decision as to the innovation will probably rest with them.

NEW POSTAL CARD.—A new reply postal card has just been issued at the Washington postoffice, bearing on the original card a portrait of General Washington, and on the reply card a likeness of Martha Washington. This new card supersedes the card bearing the pictures of Sherman and Sheridan. It is printed in bronze blue ink, on bluish card stock, and measures 3 1-3 by 5 1/2 inches. A circular border carries in capital letters above the subject the words "U. S. Postal Card" and below the subject "One Cent." Under the border is a ribbon bearing the names "Washington" on the message card and "Martha Washington" on the reply half, in small capitals. A branch of laurel extends from either end of the ribbon outside the border to a point above the numeral "1" which appears within a circle breaking the border on either side of the subject. To the left of the stamp in a single line in plain Gothic capitals is the inscription. "This side of card is for address only," within a panel of parallel lines, the inner line being heavier than the outer one. Above this inscription on the reply half are the words "Reply Card" in large capital letters within a panel having a solid background. The two halves of the card are separated by a perforated line.

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The ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Southern Philatelic Association convened at the Kupper Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., Monday morning, October 3, 1910. M. O. Canfield temporary chairman. W. H. McNeil and Jno. Straley were selected to act as permanent President and Secretary respectively. Beschler, Brodstone and Straley—Credentials & Finances; Barnes, Clark and Canfield, Standing Committee Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Following members were present: W. H. McNeil, St. Joseph, Mo.; S. K. Barnes, Marceline, Mo.; H. E. Clark, Cheopta, Kans.; J. Straley, Nelson, Nebr.; B. J. Bishop, Wyndotte, Mich.; L. Brodstone, Superior, Nebr. Following members of Kansas City: M. O. Canfield, Frank Beschler, C. C. Breeze, Dr. Scott, W. S. Dodd, J. H. Heffer, M. H. Berger, R. R. Moore. Visitors: Michael, Soderstrum, Nelson, Madison, S. Baker, Peru, Mo.; Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Barnes and others.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Report of Committee on Credentials read. Motion carried that Secretary notify Mr. Wolsieffer that his request to be dropped from ticket came too late and that he was elected with but one dissenting vote. President's address read and received and ordered printed after exterminating personal advertising. Secretary's report read and received and ordered printed in official organ. Report of Sales Superintendent read and received and ordered published. Report of Exchange Superintendent read and ordered published. Mr Beschler requested to get financial statement of Treasurer and included in the Secretary's report.

Motion made to amend Art. 4 Sec 2. of constitution—add to after word "proxy" in last line:—"No member to have voice or vote in a convention unless in good strading." Adopted. Motion made to amend Act. 6, Sec. 3 11th line, after word association add: "Also an alphabetical list of members in good standing 30 days before meeting of convention to be forwarded to the Credentials Committee." Adopted.

Following suggestions made to Sales Superintendents: Section 2. Books be made up by member by countries in rotation as per album. Scott's Catalogue numbers to be added. Section 5. On 10 book circuit 7 days to be allowed and strict enforcement of fines for over time.

Secretary instructed to get out Year Book on or about the 1st of January of each year, to solicit and obtain it at a reasonable rate, Secretary to receive 33 1-3 per cent of all advertising; printing to be done by lowest and best bidder. Ar-

range membership both Alphabetically and Geographically by states.

Chairman of Trustees to be chairman of Recruiting Committee, he to appoint his assistants. That this association appropriate \$25.00 for this purpose and that donations be solicited. Adjourned until 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Social Session at 8 p. m. Monday and McNeil, Bescher, Scott, Baker, Clark and others showed many rare stamps and covers.

Meeting called to order at 11 a. m. Committee reported in reference to the yearly dues of the Association. The following amounts have been recommended: \$1.00, 50c, 35c, 25c, and according to Roberts' rules voting on lowest first, 25c and 35c were rejected and 50c for dues adopted and at the option of members to send direct for the official organ. As the Association has occasion for money, it is admissible that at some time the dues should be increased to provide sufficient funds for the work. The Secretary shall send to each member two forms—one in regard to his dues and one to be forwarded direct to the WEST for the official organ.

The following cities were mentioned as convention seat in 1911: Galveston, Tex., 83; Cleveland, O.; St. Louis, Mo.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati O.; Scranton, Pa., 62.

Add to Sec. I, Art. 4: The president to appoint a committee of three residents of convention city to receive and canvas ballots. Art. 5, Sec. 1, line 6: change word "two" to "three."

The following proxies were held: By Dodd 19, Brodstone 25, McNeil 18, Bescher 25, Straley 25, Canfield 25, Bergun 1, Scott 1, Goodhue 1, Powell 9.

The canvas of ballots resulted as follows: President, H. S. Powell 135, Henry Wendt 5, Scattering 10; Vice President, Henry Wendt 92, Chas. H. Nam-mack 49, Scattering 2; Secretary Treasurer, R. L. Doak 150, H. A. Fowler 1; Sales Superintendent, Chas. Roemer 148, Leon V. Cass 1; Auction Manager, Max F. Bier 140, P. M. Wolsieffer 3; International Secretary, Willis Nolan 149, H. S. Adair 1; Attorney, Frank D. Goodhue 89, H. A. Fowler 62; Information Bureau, L. G. Dorpat 102, Percy McG. Mann 47; Counterfeit Detector, P. M. Wolsieffer 128, Eben S. Martin 22; Purchasing Agent, H. M. Wichman 107, Iole Dione 40; Librarian, R. L. Allen 85, C. V. Webb 65; Fraud Investigation, H. A. Fowler 118, H. N. Haas 33. Trustees, M. O. Canfield, Frank Bescher, Jno. Straley of Kansas City, 40; Jack Ralston, H. L. Washburn of Houston, Tex., 30; Scattering and not legal and not voting, 59. Official Organ, Philatelic West 130, Philadelphia Stamp New 3, Scattering 6; Exchange Superintendent, August Mack 88, C. V. Webb 61.

We certify the above is correct.

L. Brodstone, Chm.
Committee. Jno. Straley,
Frank Bescher.

On motion of Mr. Clark a resolution of thanks of the Association was hereby extended to the Secretary Mr. Doak, and Sales Supt. Roemer, and Ex. Supt. Ault, for their efficient and effective work though the year.

Adjourned, after which a photo was taken in front of P. O. building and a 40 mile auto ride over the city, Banquet and then viewed the P. of P. Parade.

See report of officers in next issue. Wm. Straley, Sec., pro tem.

SECRETARYS' REPORT.—APPLICATIONS.

1. J. G. Grant, M. D., 19 South Forge St., Akron, Ohio, 49. Physician, Evans Brown. Proposed by Evans Brown.

2. R. W. St. Benno, Jr., 1531 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill., 26. Physician, B. St. Benno A. Wachmann. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

3. S. H. Barnes, 4 Askew, Kansas City, Mo., 32, Traveling Salesman, M. O. Canfield, W. S. Dod; Proposed by M. O. Canfield.

4. M. R. Hondlette, Melrose Highlands, Mass., 38. Merchant, Walter F.

Littlefield. Proposed by August Mack.

5. Howard Eckweiler, 1226—8th Ave., New York City, 38, Policeman, A. P. S. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

6. J. Clifford Safley, Tipton, Iowa, 16, H. Wendt, Clarence Safley. Proposed by H. Wendt.

7. John George Hindley, Derby Line, Vt., 28, Minister, A. A. Lamorey. R. W. Morey. Proposed by H. S. Powell.

8. Paul D. Peterson, Miller, S. Dak., 15, Stamp Dealer, Mrs. D. C. Peterson, F. E. Saltmarsh. Proposed by Rev. L. G. Dorpat.

9. H. E. Sargent, Grand Rapids, Mich., Legal, Director of Science Museum, Donald W. Martin, C. V. Webb. Proposed by Donald W. Martin.

10. L. Harald Kjellstedt, 1026 Woodlawn Ave., Scranton, Pa., 46, Principal I.C.S., Merchants & Mechanics Bank, August Mack. Proposed by Aug. Mack.

11. F. R. Hayworth, 1559 N. Topeka Ave., Wichita, Kans., 28, Clerk, L. T. Brodstone. Proposed by L. T. Brodstone.

12. C. E. Randall, Box 39, Cedar Junction, Kansas, 26, Farmer, Mrs. J. D. Randall, S. D. Randall. Proposed by R. L. Doak.

13. Fred J. Martin, 26 So. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich., 24, Merchant, A. P. S., Charles E. Kelsey. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

14. J. H. Stewart, 217 North 4th St., Saginaw, Mich., 26, News Dealer, T. J. Martin. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

15. Charles D. Shaw, 127 S. Porter St., Saginaw, Mich., 34, Civil Engineer, Road Commissioner, Alphens Greer. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

16. Rob. W. Grant, 405 Thompson St., Saginaw, Mich., 21, Draftsman, F. J. Martin, Chas. E. Kelsey. Proposed by Chas. E. Kelsey.

17. Dan Auzini, Mountain View, Calif., Student., Ref. H. S. Powell.

The above will be admitted within 20 days providing no objections are filed with the Secretary prior to that time.

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W. H. Wynne, from 7222 Zimbel St., to 1823 Palmer Ave., New Orleans, La.

Ralph M. Le'and from Hundred to R. D. 1, Weston, W. Va.

L. V. Cass, from New Milford, Pa., to 12 Seminary Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

95 books in circulation as per last month's report, value.	\$1905.00	
27 books received since, value.	325 08	\$2230.08
36 books retired during the month of which the amount of \$271.29		
or 27 1-10 per cent were sold		998.90
86 books in circulation, value		\$1231.18

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report.	\$127.72	
1 per cent from retired books.	9.99	137.71

Respectfully submitted, Charles Roemer, Supt.

BUSINESS OF SCRANTON BRANCH, SEPT 21.

Meeting called to order by Pres. McKee, 8:30 p.m. Minutes of last meeting also Treasurer's report read and approved. Recruiting Committee announced three prospective members, one being present. Mr. Mack held an auction, Mr. Peabody acting as clerk, Liberia bringing double catalog. Mr. Chas. Warren of Cocoonut Grove, Fla., announced he will reside in Scranton, thus making 12 members. A stamp Exhibit was discussed and it was partly decided to wait till December. Refreshments were served by Mr. Peabody. Adjourned at 11:30.

Papers Room with Postage Stamps

Ten years ago C. H. Lawrence, a local wholesale grocer conceived a unique idea. Since that time he has been saving material for its accomplishment. For more than three months he has been at work with the material and today he has accomplished his plan made ten years ago.

With the determination which makes Rockefellers and Morgans, the El Paso man has been doing no more than accumulating cancelled postage stamps since the year 1900, and for the three months he has been pasting them on his bed room walls and ceiling at his home, 315 Chihauhau street. And now he has, without question, the most unique slumber apartment in El Paso.

There are fully 60,000 postage stamps used in covering a 13x16 foot ceiling and a border of a few inches in width. The walls of the room are covered with the grocer's returned checks of the Spanish war time, each check bearing a war stamp.

The ceiling is a study in mosaic. On a basis of red two cent stamps are found many figures, material for hours of study. There are two comets in green with "1910" marked between them; two rabbits and a rooster and a hen of one cent stamps and "C. H. Lawrence, Wholesale Grocer, Trade Mark" worked in the same color. Also there are a number of stars of Mexican stamps and a side wall frieze of an escalloped design.

It is explained by the man with the strange penchant that the stamps were largely accumulated by himself, but that impatience caused him to purchase a quantity from small boys who ravaged waste paper boxes for a supply. Each stamp was soaked from its envelope and dried in manageable form. In the work Mr. Lawrence was assisted by his 13 year old daughter, who papered most of the checks on the walls of the room.

"Oh, no. I am not satisfied," said Mr. Lawrence after displaying his mot-tled bed room. "I am going to keep on saving and buying stamps to paper another room."—Galveston, Tex., Paper.

AN EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT.

One cannot always be buying stamps, and on those occasions when interest flags because funds are low, it is well to remember that a good deal of entertainment and instruction can be got out of such stamps as one already possesses. A heap of common U. S. A., for example, may be made to yield up the secret of the different kinds of paper of the issues of 1890, 1895, 1898, etc.; this is an accomplishment worth learning. After a few lessons a collector should be able to say whether the 4c. under review is of the issue of 1895 or 1898, and the same with other denominations. Watermarks, too, on these stamps, are worth learning to know at sight; also a good evening's entertainment can be gotten out of gathering as many shades as possible. Of the 2c there are quite a few shades, of the 4c there are three or four, and of the 6c, two or three, and these shades have a meaning, because different printing on different dates seems to have been made in different shades.

Pays \$340 for a penny. A Philadelphia numismatist paid \$340 for a one cent piece at an auction recently. The price according to dealers is the largest ever paid for a penny. Two hundred and seventy-five dollars is the biggest previous price which could be remembered. The coin was struck in the year 1793. It is of the "liberty cap" variety.—From J. J. Prouty.

The International Congress of Esperantists at Washington, D. C.

The OUTLOOK says: "There has just been held at Washington, D. C., a congress quite unique in the history of America; for although there have been five other Esperanto Congresses in Europe, this one, the sixth, is no doubt the first to attract, to any great extent, the attention of Americans. It will probably bring to the notice of many, for the first time, the progress that has been made in the universal language, both abroad and at home. Our State Department, through its Ambassador and Ministers, invited the various Governments to participate in this Congress, thus giving the same Government recognition that was secured for the Fifth Congress, which was held at Barcelona, in 1909. In response to this invitation nine foreign countries sent official representatives, and delegates from thirty-seven different countries were in attendance. The Spanish Government not only sent a representative to Washington, but also one who will attend the American Commercial Congress, to be held in the City of Mexico, September 8. The formal opening was on August 15, at which Dr. Zamenhof, of Poland, the author of Esperanto, made the opening address. This neutral language is the result of more than thirty years of arduous labor—eliminating, as far as possible, the difficulties of grammar, pronunciation, construction and orthography of the world's languages; the result being that today there is offered, its advocates contend, a medium of speech so simple in grammar, with a uniform pronunciation of all vowels and consonants, and a vocabulary so largely composed of words with Latin roots and words used in common by several nations, that it can be easily acquired in a short time. To a person already speaking two or three languages, a page of Esperanto, given to him for the first time, seems strangely familiar. Esperanto Clubs can now be found in most of the larger cities of the United States and in many towns. A knowledge of reading and writing the language can be easily acquired by means of the Correspondence School, whose examinations are given in both preliminary and advanced work. Many make the mistake to think that the advocates of Esperanto hope that in time it may supplant other languages. This is quite untrue. It is only claimed to be an auxiliary language, one easy to acquire and one which will give to all nations a means of direct communication, thus aiding commerce and the cause of peace. The Secretary of the American Federation of Labor was present at one of the conferences, and spoke of the advantage of the adoption of a universal language by the International Congress of Labor. The mornings were devoted to important discussions both in the general assembly and at the special sessions of the Congress committees, while the afternoons were spent in sightseeing either in the city itself or in excursions to the interesting points outside, Mount Vernon being the Mecca for all delegates, both foreign and American. The entertainments for the evening included a concert, lectures, a moonlight excursion on the Potomac, a reception, the presentation of prizes in the literary contest, an international ball, and the presentation of Shakespeare's "As you like it." This last and most interesting event was held out of doors, and the play was given by the "Hickman Players", who three weeks ago knew nothing of Esperanto. Even the rules for baseball were translated into this auxiliary language and given to the foreign delegates that they might better enjoy our National game. On Thursday they witnessed the game between Washington and Cleveland. One interesting feature of the convention was a service on Sunday in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the language of the entire service being exclusively Esperanto; another novel feature was the teaching of Esperanto to

a few policemen who were to be detailed for service during the visit of the Esperantists. Washington policemen are always courteous and most willing to give important information, but what could they do if questioned in some thirty or more languages and dialects? The experiment is said to have worked successfully. Everything was done to make this first American Congress a success, and the thousand or more delegates will long remember their welcome to the National capital. New Orleans has petitioned to have the Esperanto Congress of 1915 meet there, in conjunction with the celebration of the opening of the Panama Canal."

As this is an excellent report and most stamp collectors are interested in Esperanto, we think it will be welcome to our readers.



St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society

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The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society was held in the North Room of the Cabanne Library on Tuesday evening, September 13th. Owing to the continued warm weather, the attendance was not up to our usual healthy standard, which we have reason to believe we will maintain and surpass during the season now about to commence.

The meeting was called to order at the usual time by President Bain, and in the absence of the Acting Secretary, the writer was designated to officiate in the onerous capacity of Secretary Pro Tem., the regular incumbent having sent notice to the meeting that he would be out of the city on his vacation. The old question of returning to a down-town meeting room, more accessible to a greater number of the members, was again discussed at this meeting, and it being the sense of the membership that such removal would benefit both the Society and its individual members Mr. Chester Myers was appointed a Committee of One to consider ways and means, and to report not later than next meeting.

The Entertainment Committee announced that subscriptions for the Illustrated lecture are coming in nicely but slowly. The date for this event having been fixed for November 22nd, it is earnestly desired that members who will subscribe to the Lecture fund, see the Chairman of the entertainment committee at an early date, if they have not already done so. It is proposed to make this event a very creditable undertaking, and it is hoped that the Society will gain an appreciable quota of new members thereby, as it will be open to the public. The entertainment committee also has several features in prospect for the edification and enlightenment of its members. At this meeting President Bain donated to the Society a nice lot of Confederates on covers, as well as other stamps, to be used by the Committee as gratuitous prizes for contests and competitive exhibitions. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Bain for his generosity.

Several important matters are expected to come up at the next meeting, and a rousing attendance is especially desired.

Respectfully,

T. C. Mann, Sec. Pro Tem.

Collectors of British Colonials should note that the current threepenny stamp of Victoria which bears the head of Her late Majesty, has appeared in a new shade of orange yellow which amounts almost to a change of color.

Foreign Revenue Notes--By O.T.Hartmann

New issue service: The 20 paras lottery stamps comes now light brown on white paper.

Alsace Lorraine a value of M. 12.—light blue Lohnsteuer.

Ecuador 25c. violet 1909—10, same design of 1897.

Brazil—It appears to me that all bands at the time of appearance about 1898 were on wk. paper, and these wk. must have been changed. On the Wine bands and other bands of 1908 the wk. reads: Casa da Moeda. Another wk reads Consumo Republica dos Estados Unidos do Brazil across the sheet.

The Forbin Catalog fails to give two old beer stamps of So. Australia: One Kilderkin tax 2sh 9d yellow cancel 12497. One Bastard Firkin tax 1sh, 7d violet cancel 19797.

Of Mexican Revenues I got nearly 700 different. Nearly all issues bear the date of year, so should present no difficulty on this score. Now the main divisions may be said to be: 1. Aduanas, all bear the word aduana and year. From 1885 to 96. All perforated, except a few 500 and 1000 pesos values.

2. Contribucion Federal. A New issue every year, but have been always imperforate and have the word "Federal" somewhere on the stamp.

3. Documentos y Libros, perforated, issued every year and has since 1883 the words: Mexico, Oficina del Gobierno in very fine type at bottom of stamp. These stamps come without talon.

4. Renta Interior are perforated stamps with a talon attached. The inscription: Mexico, Oficina del Gobierno is found on the talon, and not on the stamp proper. Remember this, and you will be always able to distinguish between documentos and renta interiors.

5. Merchandise, Metals, Public Instruction, Tobacco, are represented with different issues, and finally.—

6. All State issues, of which perhaps Durango and Jalisco are the most prominent.

Monaco, Montenegro, Monserratt, got a few revenues of each. I got a few late Natal but have never been able to pick up a few of the plain embossed issues of 1854-69. There are 4 values 1870-77 which are of the identical design of postage of 1859-60—1d yellow, 6d rose perf. 12½ and 1sh blue or brown violet perf. 14. They are revenues. Revenues of Nevis are hard to pick up. See if you have a friend there. Why Nicaragua neglected its revenue issues I do not understand. Perhaps it was too busy with its Seebeck postage and present surcharges. Norway I got nearly complete. It is a nice clean country—Pretty stamps and few issues. Of New So. Wales beer stamps and first issue of 1865 Stamp Duty I am shy of, but the rest is nearly complete down to diff. perf. and papers. The issue 1868-82 can be divided: 1. Blued paper, perf. 12½, wm. 2. White paper, diff. perf., wm. 3. Bright violet center, diff. perf., wm. 4. Blurred impression, rough perf., wm. 5. Thick wove paper, no wk. Only a few values appear on the same.

New Zealand I pass over. It needs a special treatment

The early Orange Free State are colorless embossed stamps of various designs. The later issues have been surcharged B. W., V. R. I. and Ord 22 85. The King Edward design of 1903 is quite pretty but colors fade in water.

In my collection of many thousands is only one Paraguay. They are not listed high, just failed to find the party who has them.

A short time ago I picked up a copy of the O Collecçiona dor de Sellos, a paper published in Portuguese and German at S. Paulo, Brazil, as far back as August 1899 and it contains quite a list of reprints.

Gleanings from the Foreign Press

Mr. Nils Strandell, in the Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift furnishes a philatelic index for the year 1909, including European publications only, as follows:

Abbreviation	Name
A. S. S. M. C.	Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular.
B. B. Z.	Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung.
B. C.	Booleman's Confidential.
B. P.	British Philatelist.
Coll. T. P.	Collectionneur des Timbres-Poste.
D. B. Z.	Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung.
D. D. P.	Der Deutsche Philatelist.
D. S. Z.	Deutsche Stempel-Zeitung (Supplement to D. D. P.).
Echo T.	Echo de la Timbrologie.
E. W. S. N.	Ewen's Weekly Stamp News.
F. I. O. B.	Friedl's Illustriertes Briefmarken Offertenblatt,
F. P. B.	Friedemann's Philatelistische Berichte,
G. B.	Germania Berichte,
G. F.	Gazzetta del Filatelista,
G. P. N. O.	Griebett's Philatelic Notes & Offers.
G. S. W.	Gibbons' Stamp Weekly,
I. B. J.	Illustriertes Briefmarken-Journal,
I. Z. d. K.	Illustrierte Zeitschrift für deutsche Kolonialmarken kunde (Supplement to D. D. P.)
J. d. P.	Journal des Philatelistes,
K. M.	Kohl's Mitteilungen,
Le Post	Le Postillon,
L. P.	London Philatelist
M. F.	Madrid Filatelico,
N. F. T.	Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift,
N. P.	Nederlandsche Philatelist,
N. T. v. P.	Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde,
P. A.	Philatelic Adviser,
Phil.	Der Philayelist
P. J. G. B.	Philatelic Journal of Great Britain,
Post	Die Post,
P. R.	Philatelic Record.
P. S.	Postage Stamp,
P. W.	Philatelic World,
P. Z.	Philatelic Zeitung.
Riv. F.	Rivista del Francobollo,
S. B. Z.	Schweizer Briefmarken-Zeitung.
S. C. F.	Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,
S. F. T.	Svensk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift,
S. L.	Stamp Lover.
S. P. N.	Schweizerische Philatelistische Nachrichten,
T. P.	Timbre-Poste,
V. K. B.	Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt,
W. E. P.	West End Philatelist.
U. B. S.	Ungarischer Briefmarken-Sammler.

Abyssinia. J. d. P. 27; P. S. IV. 195, 207, 219, 233.

Afghanistan. G. S. W. IX. 78; reprints; G. S. W. IX. 290; falsifications:

S. C. F. XIV. 231, N. P. 161.

Egypt. P. S. III. 186; P. J. G. B. 164, 188, 232; Suez Canal: I. B. J. 3, T. P. 109; Official: Echo T. 52.

Argentine Republic. Riv. F. 5, 21, 79, 88, 104, 122, 139; G. S. W. X. 273. Australian Commonwealth. L. P. 237.

Baden. Post 2, 18, 50; falsifications: V. K. B. 177.

Bahamas Islands. G. S. W. IX. 291.

Bavaria. Entires: Post 149, 182; falsifications: B. B. Z. 194.

Belgium. G. S. W. IX. 5, 21, 43, 52, 86, 101, 117, 204, 238, 254, 268, 297, 314, 331, 346, 381, 394, 407; X. 33, 84, 156, 322, 415; Echo T. 179, 737; P. S. IV. 46; S. C. F. XV. 193; issue of 1978: T. P. 31; G. P. N. O. 41; S. C. F. XV. 148; issue of 1893: P. S. IV. 57, 114; obliterations: Phil. 281; dues: Echo T. 361; T. P. 83; entires: Echo T. 651; falsifications: Le Post 392; S. P. N. 146; N. T. v. P. 209; N. F. T. 185; S. C. F. XV. 196.

Belgian Congo. G. S. W. IX. 126, 388; P. J. G. B. 25; E. W. S. N. 1721, 1725, 1749; Le Post. 30; D. B. Z. 7mJ. d. P. 43; I. B. J. 189m N. T. v. P. 64; T. P. 71.

Bergedorf. Obliterations: D. B. Z. 61.

Bhopal. G. S. W. IX. 77.

Bhore. P S. III. 175.

Bosnia. N. T. v. P. 65; K. M. 42; issue of 1906: P. J. G. B 69; dues: L. P. 179; falsifications: P. Z. 35; V. K. B. 12; K. M. No. 2 | 14; N. E. T. 58.

Brazil. Official: I. B. J. 137.

Brunswick. Post 146, 162, 178.

Bremen. Falsifications: D. D. P. 132

British Bechuanaland. G. S. W. X. 350; falsifications: S. F. T. 12.

British Central Africa. G. S. W. X. 399; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 261; Le Post 82; N. F. T. 57, 62; N. T. v. P. 115.

British Columbia. falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 235.

British Guiana. Issue of 1888: G. S. W. IX. 115; T. P. 50; P. W. I. 53.

British Honduras. S. C. F. XV. 139, 155, 165, 173, 183, 190.

British New Guinea. P S. IV. 71; V. 88.

British East Africa. G. S. W. X. 518; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 261; Le Post 82; N. F. T. 62; N. T. v. P. 116.

British Solomon Islands. S. L. II. 26, 42; S. C. F. XV. 87, 93, 102, 110, 121, 131; G. S. W. X. 544.

Br. South Africa Co. (Rhodesia). L. P. 12, 71, 99, 189; P. A. 103, 116, 124, 134, 146; issue of 1896: P. S. III. 192; issue of 1909: E. W. S. N. 1773, 1805.

Bulgaria. W. E. P. VI. 12, 27, 42, 59, 72, 90, 102, 119, 135, 158; falsifications: Le Post 198; N. F. T. 92.

Cayman Islands. E. W. S. N. 1705, 1721, 1729; P. S. III. 222, 235; G. S. W. IX. 225, 282; S. C. F. XV. 54; P. J. G. B. 126; falsifications: Le Post 229; N. F. T. 93.

Charkhari. G. S. W. IX. 77.

Chile. P. J. G. B. 81, 102, 123, 140, 180, 213, 236, 263; G. S. W. IX. 316, 335, 351; T. P. 84, 97, 104, 111, 125; falsifications: Phil. 280.

China. K. M. No. 2 | 5, 58; A. S. S. M. C. 1, 9; G. S. W. IX. 156, 491.

Cochin Chna. V. K. B. 10, K. M. 37.

Colombian Republic. Issue of 1883: P. R. 9, 23.

Cordova. Post 118.

Curacao. N. T. v. P. 6, 164; essays: B. B. Z. 33.

- Cyprus. Obliterations: S. B. Z. 50.
- Denmark. N. F. T. 21, 41; issue of 1907: D. B. Z. 94; official: N. F. T. 22; entires: G. S. W. IX. 129; N. F. T. 69, 85, 101, 117; railway: P. Z. 45, 63, 75; private: P. Z. 30, 44.
- Danish West Indies. G. S. W. IX. 279, 423; X. 77, 173, 269.
- German Colonies in general. D. D. P. 5; J. d. P. 25, 46, 62, 78, 139; G. B. 53, 98, 127; reprints: P. R. 65; falsifications: F. P. B. 394 468.
- German New Guinea. F. P. B. 369, 465, 469; obliterations: F. P. B. 329, 345, 347, 365, 451; Post 64, 191; I. Z. d. K. 87, 90, 98, 100.
- German East Africa. F. P. B. 465; obliterations: Post 15, 31, 48, 63, 79, 111, 143, 160, 175, 191; F. P. B. 329, 374, 365, 413, 431, 440, 465; I. Z. d. K. 83, 86, 88, 90, 96, 98, 100.
- German South West Africa. B. B. Z. 106; J. d. P. 62, 81; obliterations: Post 15, 31, 48, 63, 80, 95, 111, 143, 159, 175, 190; F. P. B. 330, 347, 365, 393, 413, 429, 447, 466; I. Z. d. K. 83, 84, 85, 88, 90, 94, 96, 98, 100; reprints: B. B. Z. 127; F. P. B. 346.
- Germany Empire. T. P. 47; issue of 1901: G. B. 59; issue of 1902: S. B. Z. 9; D. D. P. 111; perforations: D. D. P. 127, 133; essays: F. P. B. 332, 350, 370, 389, 405; G. B. 98; colonial obliterations: I. B. J. 26, 37, 61, 90, 133, 186, 205, 281, 301, 325, 395, 527; Le Post 104, 158, 230, 279, 326, 246, 276, 442, 490, 520; dues: P. Z. 150; railway stamps: G. B. 38; falsifications: V. K. B. 2; F. P. B. 428; Phil. 280; K. M. 105.
- Diego Suarez. Falsifications: Le Post 64; Echo T. 97.
- Dominica. P. S. IV. 124, 149, 171, 183.
- German Offices in China. Tsingtau F. P. B. 326; K. M. 40; I. B. J. 339; Futschau F. P. B. 328; In general F. P. B. 347, 461; I. Z. d. K. 85, 100; P. Z. 60; obliterations: F. P. B. 329, 331, 365, 391, 429; I. Z. d. K. 84, 87, 93, 96; falsifications: F. P. B. 424, 452.
- German Offices in Morocco. F. P. B. 348; obliterations: F. P. B. 330; I. Z. d. K. 84, 88.
- German Offices in Turkey. Issue of 1889: F. P. B. 431; issue of 1906: F. P. B. 395, 445; essays: I. B. J. 268; obliterations: Post 14, 111, 143, 175m; I. Z. d. K. 94, 98, 100; F. P. B. 467; falsifications: F. P. B. 334, 368.
- Equador. P. A. 3, 17.
- Ivory Coast. Falsifications: Le Post 198, 230; Echo T. 332; N. F. T. 93.
- Alsace and Lorraine. K. M. No. 2 | 11, 38; P. W. I. 107.
- Falkland Islands. W. E. P. V. 177; G. S. W. IX. 76; P. J. G. B. 33; P. A. 27; Post 21, 36, 55, 70, 84 O. S. 8'. 15.
- Fernando Po. Falsifications: S. F. T. 96.
- Fiji Islands. G. S. W. IX. 214; E. W. S. N. 1809, 1813; A. S. S. M. C. 25.
- Finland. Perforations: S. F. T. 24; obliterations: B. B. Z. 419; N. F. T. 155; V. K. B. 157; Le Post 296; entires: B. B. Z. 7, 30, 52; railway stamps: P. Z. 128; falsifications: F. I. B. O. 467; S. B. Z. 22; Le Post 130; N. F. T. 44, 57; I. B. J. 268.
- Formosa. P. S. III. 273.
- France. B. B. Z. 185; Coll. T. P. 173; issue of 1849: Echo T. 217, 733; D. B. Z. 94; Le Post 117, 220, 268; issue of 162 | 70: Coll. T. P. 332; P. W. II. 38; issue of 1870: P. Z. 4; Echo T. 7; S. L. II. 131; dues: T. P. 133; P. W. II. 28; post strike stamp K. M. 96; perforations: S. F. T. 24; T. P. 34; Coll. T. P. 97; Le Post 156; P. S. IV. 62; M. R. H. P. S. II. 64, 143; obliterations: Le Post 18, 44, 68, 92, 115, 138, 164, 188, 212, 237, 259, 283, 308, 331, 355, 379, 403, 428, 451, 477, 501, 522; J. d. P. 40; Franks: Coll. T. P. 47; essays: P. J. G. B. 14; entires: D. B. Z. 51; falsifications: Le Post 82; N. T. v. P. 116; G. B. 135; P. S. V. 153;

Echo T. 779; L. P. 179.

French Offices in North and Central China. Dues: K. M. 81.

French Offices in Crete. Falsifications: N. F. T. 160.

French Offices in Turkey. Issue of 1890-91: J. d. P. 30.

French Farther India—Offices in South China. Echo T. 2; Le Post 40, 58; falsifications: Le Post 82; N. T. v. P. 48; N. F. T. 62.

Yunnan—Fou. Le Post 494.

French Somali Coast. Falsifications: Le Post 273; B. B. Z. 312.

Gabon. Obliterations: Le Post 465, 489.

Gambia. P. S. IV. 54, 142; G. S. W. IX. 432, 599.

Gibraltar. G. S. W. IX. 33, 49; G. B. 33.

Gold Coast. P. S. III. 185; W. E. P. VI. 97; 115, 130, 145.

Grenada. G. S. W. IX. 97, 113, 199, 232; P. S. III. 233.

Greece. G. S. W. IX. 1, 17; Riv. F. 8, 2338, 7178, 91, 109, 125, 141; T. P. 73, 121; P. J. G. B. 101; Echo T. 613; obliterations: G. S. W. IX. 241, 387; S. B. Z. 72; P. Z. 125; I. B. J. 533; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 247; P. Z. 16; V. K. B. 12, 21; T. B. 23; Le Post 199; N. F. T. 93.

Griqualand. G. S. W. IX. 81.

Great Britain. T. P. 76; S. C. F. XV. 141; G. S. W. IX. 133, 267, 287; X. 13, 111, 229, 279, 324, 512, 560; L. P. 65; B. P. II. 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65; line engraved: S. L. I. 214, 239; G. S. W. IX. 12; X. 86, 536; B. P. I. 89; A. S. S. M. C. 61; issue of 1847-54: K. M. No. 2 | 14; issue of 1862: B. P. I. 91; issue of 1881: B. P. I. 91; obliterations: E. W. S. N. 1721; G. S. W. supplement IX. 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 81, 97, 113; X. 131, 145, 161, 177; G. S. W. X. 541, 591, 621; colonial obliterations "used abroad": G. S. W. IX. 42, 109; B. P. I. 101; II. 4; essays: L. P. 92; entires: B. P. I. 92; E. W. S. N. 1785, 1817; P. R. 179, 204, 228; railway stamps: E. W. S. N. 1721; telephone stamps: P. R. 125; falsifications: V. K. B. 12, 53; S. F. T. 13, 113; S. C. F. XIV. 261; XV. 5; B. P. I. 98; II. 12, 65, 73; P. Z. L. 68; N. F. T. 47, 76, 93; P. S. IV. 100.

Guadeloupe. G. S. W. IX. 247, 263.

Guatemala. G. S. W. IX. 295, 311, 327, 343, 375, 391.

Gwalior. G. S. W. X. 128, 173.

Hayti. S. L. I. 206, 234, 256, 285, 304; issue of 1904: Echo T. 735; falsifications: N. T. v. P. 52.

Hamburg. G. S. W. X. 225, 275; falsifications: D. D. P. 112.

Hanover. B. B. Z. 5, 79, 98, 134, 158, 190, 218, 240, 265, 285, 327, 353, 378; G. S. W. X. 320, 365; certificates: D. D. P. 11, 30, 43, 54, 94, 106, 115, 136; obliterations: D. S. Z. 67.

Hawaii. B. B. Z. 104, 132, 257, 377, 473; P. Z. 58; D. D. P. 38; P. S. IV. 98, 112; G. S. W. X. 461, 557, 586, 615; reprints: G. S. W. X. 372.

Heligoland. P. A. 41, 48, 67; issue of 1973: D. B. Z. 30; P. Z. 48; falsifications: S. C. F. XIV. 229; Post 29.

Honduras. Issue of 1878: P. A. 151; falsifications: Echo T. 294; Le Post 172; V. K. B. 53; T. P. 67; N. F. T. 76; D. D. P. 90.

Hong Kong. Obliterations: W. E. P. V. 195.

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NOTE: Mr. Strandell is working on a similar index for the present year, in which he includes the philatelic journals of the extra-European countries also, so that it will really be an index of the philatelic literature of the world for 1910. On account of the translation, the alphabetical order is in a few instances broken, but this can easily be remedied after all is published and translated.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY



Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the above address and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination, return postage must be included beside the fee above provided for.

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683. Would the WEST print an article treating of Post Marks? Most likely it would. The interest taken in post marks seems to be growing among collectors, and rightly so because post marks are of some historical value and can in many cases be had for the asking. Any article that will help collectors to greater enjoyment of collecting should be welcome, provided it is written in such a style that it will attain its object. Good articles are rather scarce anyhow.

661 and 666. Post Marks. Mr Harold Hollinger, 1032 Oakland Ave., Detroit, Mich, (A. P. S. No. 3023) writes: "I am an ardent post mark collector and am very anxious to become acquainted with others also interested. Have corresponded with but one other post mark collector, Mr. H. K. Thompson of Boston, Mass. I would very much like to start a post mark society if enough collectors could be got together. I have a collection of over 8,200 different post office marks. I for one, wish that a list of names of such collectors would be published in The WEST. It would bring out many that are now not known of, and also encourage others to take up the fad." So then we have two addresses to start the list, and if others will take notice and write to me or to Mr. Hollinger we may in a couple of months have a society started, and the change of duplicates may be under way even before that.

634. What is the character and value of a current 2c U. S. stamped envelope in which the color of the stamp shows on both sides of the paper? This is an oddity caused by the envelope machine working empty, i. e., by running without any paper in it. Because there is no paper to take up the color, this is deposited on the bed plate, and the first sheet of paper that afterwards comes into the machine receives color from both sides until the color is worn off the bed plate this goes on, turning out stamps that show color on the back. As with other oddities that are not catalogued it is with this also, there is no fixed value or market price. Double face value ought to buy things of this kind. Sometimes they can be had for face value. In a well arranged collection of oddities the value might rise somewhat higher.

685. How can one distinguish the lithographed issue of Guatemala, 1886 from the engraved issue of 1887? There is some difference in the shade of the colors. The lithographed stamps appear more flat, while the engraved stamps are richer in color. This is especially evident in the figure of value. The background in the center, at the left of the bird and scroll, is formed of crossed lines in the engraved stamps, while in the lithographed stamps the background in this place is usually more or less blurred or solid. These marks together with a general knowledge of the difference between a lithograph and an engraving ought to be enough to enable one to make the distinction. It is however remarkable how very near these two issues resemble each other. Some of the clearest prints in lithograph are hard to distinguish from the poorer engraved stamps, but by careful comparison one may learn to keep them apart easily. A good plan is to take one of the surcharges of 1886, un centavo on 2c, which are all made on the lithographed stock, and one of the late 2c brown, which are quite common and easily gotten, and to compare them. From what one learns by the

comparison of these two one may learn to make headway with the other values.

686. Is there any special value to partly perforated U. S. stamps? Yes, there is. Some of the U. S. Revenue stamps were so issued and they are now so catalogued and bring special prices. In respect to partly perforated U.S. postage stamps we have no catalog quotations yet, but who can say that we shall never have them? They are of three kinds. One kind is produced by the accidental missing of a perforation between two stamps or two rows of stamps. The most desirable form in which these are to be collected is that of unsevered pairs or blocks, imperforate between. The other kind is produced by the cutting apart of large sheets of 200 to 400 stamps into so called post office sheets of 100 each. If a sheet of 20 be cut in half, there will be 20 stamps with one imperforate or straight side. If a sheet of 400 be cut into quarters of 100 each, there will be 72 stamps with one straight side and 4 stamps with two straight sides each. These are at present sold considerably cheaper than those perforated on all four sides. The same applies to the stamps contained in the little stamp books sold by the post office. These are cut so that each little sheet contains 6 stamps, 4 of which are imperforate on one side and two imperforate on two sides, while none of them are perforated on all four sides. If one wants to collect these, it seems best to collect them in sheets (or leaves) of 6 with margins. The third kind is produced by cutting up large sheets (mostly of 400 stamps each) into strips for use in the stamp vending machines. These are always imperforate on opposite sides horizontally or vertically. The perforation between the stamps, also horizontally or vertically, may be either the regular government perforation, or it may be one of the several private perforations made by or for the vending machine companies. These so-called "machine perforations," called so because they are made for use in the vending machines, are sold at higher prices than the regularly perforated stamps. As far as I know, the last kind is found in the last two issues only, that is since 1902. In a specialized collection of U. S. stamps it seems that all three kinds should be shown wherever they exist, just as well as imperforate blocks. The prices seem apt to fluctuate yet for some time.

687. Can any of our readers give any information about the following two stamps? 5 cents blue $18\frac{1}{2} \times 21\frac{1}{2}$ mm. on white paper imperforate. In the center there is a flag on a pole with two cords and tassels on a solid colored background in an oval. Around the oval, separated from it by two white lines, the inner one very thin, is a colored band inscribed RICHMOND POSTAGE above and 5 CENTS below. The four spandrels are filled by lattice work of thin white lines on blue back ground. The flag has in the upper corner a square field, horizontally lined, with five stars. To the right of this field are two stripes, one white, the other vertically lined and below the field with the stars and the white stripe there is another horizontal stripe running the whole length of the flag, also vertically lined. The other stamp is printed in dark carmine on yellow, imperforate. In the center is a similar flag as on the other stamp, only there are no cords, no tassels and the field with the stars is solid. There are 8 stars, one large one in the middle and 7 smaller ones arranged in a circle around it. The flag is on a horizontally lined background. Around this, separated by one colored and one colorless line, is an oval band with the inscription C. S. of A. POSTAGE above and TEN CENTS below. In each of the upper corners is a circular disc with the figures 10. The rest of the stamp is taken up by ornaments which partly enter the band with the inscription. The whole stamp measured 21×35 mm. Both stamps seem to be lithographed and are gummed with a thin transparent gum. I am inclined to consider them a product of private playfulness, but would like to hear what others know or think.



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Four Auction Catalogs in one mail is pretty good. Looks like a strong opening of the auction season! We find the following dates covered:

Sept. 24—Percy G. oane's 34th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, New York.

Oct. 1st—Hussman St. Co, 8th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Proofs—St. Louis.

" " Geo. R. Tuttle, 162d Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Revs. Envs.—New York.

" " H. M. Clark 9th Sale U. S. and Foreign, Rev. Proofs—Chicago.

Oct. 5th—Western St. Co, 46th Sale, U. S. and Foreign, Revs.—Omaha.

" " 7th Collectors' Club, 18th Sale, U. S. and Foreign Envs, Cut—New York.

Most of these auctions comprise some very fine stamps.

From the Economist St. Co. New York, we have a pretty little catalog of U. S. stamps, the prices of which seem quite reasonable. In the back is a long list of U. S. and Foreign packets. The Catalog may be had free.

Mr. Frederick Guthrie of Glasgow, Scotland, has favored us with his new list of used stamps that all bear the portrait of King Edward VII. The prices range from 1 penny to \$18.50.

The Philatelic Gazette is a new paper published by the Philatelic Publishing Co. 90 Nassau Str., New York, of which Mr. V. M. Berthold is the president and Mr. Wm. W. Randall is the Sec'y Treasurer. The latter gentleman is also editor of the Gazette. This in its No. 1 is a very creditable production and promises to become one of the leading journals in our country. It is devoted to all kinds of stamps, postage adhesives, envelopes, revenues, etc. It goes into detail and makes a feature of U.S. envelopes. From it we learn that the 4th edition of Bartel's U. S. Envelope Catalog is in press and will appear Oct. 15th. Price \$3.00. This price seems a little high, but if we consider the excellence of former editions we cannot but conclude that the book is worth it. No collector of entire U. S. envelopes should be without it. The Ph. Gazette has some advances in the prices for U. S. envelopes and says, "The long deferred boom in U. S. envelopes is about at hand." It states that Mr. Geo. H. Worthington of Cleveland contemplates displaying his magnificent envelope collection in a special room of the new Academy of Fine Arts in Cleveland, which is being constructed at an expense of one million dollars. This doubtless will help to boom envelopes.

The Star Magazine, which was the successor to and heir of Philatelic Flash-es, has now been consolidated with ADVICE, a large folio paper of 16 pages, coming from Chicago. There is only about one column in the number before us devoted to stamps, in which Mr. J. Clifford Safley treats of the U. S. Envelopes of 1899. This looks like another indication of a boom in U. S. envelopes, and we think, indeed, the envelopes deserve more attention than they have received for some time.

Redfield's Weekly reprints an excellent article from Dr. Holt's in Everybody's Philatelist, headed 'Stamp Collecting a Boon to Invalids and Shut-ins.' We have a special liking for Dr. Holt's articles, as he seems to be a philatelist of the purest water, considering stamps not so much as a means by which money may

be gained, as rather a means of enjoyment or a useful and pleasant pastime.

Mr. L. G. Quackenbush, the editor of Redfield's Weekly, takes up the subject of brightening the dreary life of invalids by making them acquainted with the pleasures of stamp collecting, by presenting to them parcels of stamps, albums, etc., by remembering them especially at Christmas time and by trying to interest others in this direction now. He in this wise takes up Dr. Holt's idea and starts at once carrying it out. We are quite in sympathy with this movement and offer to do our mite in furthering philatelic charity. If any of our readers have suggestions to make in this line, if they have any stamps or albums to give away to invalids without knowing any invalids to whom they might give them, or if they know of any invalids who might be benefitted, we should like to hear from them and shall deem it a pleasant privilege to mediate between between invalids and donors. The best way, as Dr. Holt suggests, is that one should personally show sympathy and give help to any invalid that one may know or be able to find. When personal interest, kindness and sympathy is added to the gift of stamps, it makes the gift much more valuable than it would be when sent in a cold, impersonal manner. Personal tact and caution are, of course, in place here as well as in any case of dealing with invalids or beneficiaries.

From The Philadelphia Stamp News we take the following: "The set of the Guy Ter-centenary set for Newfoundland has been received. Official announcement says the new series have been issued to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the earliest settlement in the British Empire, made in Conception Bay, Newfoundland, June 1610. Eleven stamps as follows: 1 cent, King James, who granted charter to Guy; 2 cents, Arms of the London & Bristol Co. for colonizing Newfoundland; 3 cents, John Guy, who established first colony; 4 cents Guy's ship, "The Endeavor"; 5 cents, View of Cupids; 6 cents, Lord Bacon, guiding spirit in colonization scheme; 8 cents, View of Mosquito; 9 cents, Logging Camp, Red Indian Lake; 10 cents, Paper Mills, Grand Falls; 12 cents, King Edward VII.; 15 cents King George V. They were made by Whitehead Morris & Co., London. The likeness of King George is very good. Objection has already been made to the 9 and 10 cents values, as they are no appropriate, and rumors say they will be withdrawn. The commemorative set will be on sale until superseded by regular issue bearing George V head, which is being printed by Whitehead, Morris & Co.

The same paper says that 5 million of the 10 cents postal savings stamps have been completed to date of August 29. They have been printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Cards large enough to hold 9 of the stamps will be sold at 10 cents each, thereby making a filled card worth \$1.00. These 10 cents stamps are, of course, different from the official 2 cents stamps which are to be used on official correspondence relating to the postal savings business.

Albert Friedemann's Philatelistische Berichte illustrates a counterfeit of the 10pf Deutsches Reich by which Alexander Haase and Karl Uckermann, who each got six months for, defrauding the German post. The counterfeit is a very exact copy of the original, and pronounced so by the manager of the Imperial Printery. The perforation is probably the best distinguishing mark, as it is coarse and rough. If it was not for that, it might be very difficult to distinguish between the original and the counterfeit. Large quantities are said to have been brought in circulation.

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Berne International Stamp Exhibition

(Continued from last issue.)

They were honoured to be able to count among the exhibitors at the Berne International Philatelic Exhibition his Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland, who as Sovereign had deigned to continue his gracious interest in matters philatelic that he had long given as Prince of Wales.

There are upward of two hundred different exhibits. In a space of little over two square metres are displayed the stamps of Nevis, which have been lent by King George. It is not a large collection even for this small colony, but the few items contained in it are of the choicest description. There are proof sheets of all four values of the earliest engraved stamps of Nevis. Each sheet comprises twelve stamps. The King's proofs are in trial colors, the penny in green (the color ultimately adopted for the shilling, the fourpence in blue, the sixpence in orange, and the shilling in lilac-rose.

Of the stamps issued in 1861 printed from the engraved plates, there are two re-constructed sheets of the penny dull rose, unused; of the fourpence rose there is a re-constructed sheet unused, and another of used copies. Of the sixpence grey-lilac there is an unsevered sheet from which only the margins have been removed, and a re-constructed sheet of unused copies. The shilling is represented by two re-constructed sheets, one being made up of unused and the other of used stamps.

Of the stamps perforated, fourteen-and-a-half, and printed from the engraved plates, the penny red is represented by one re-constructed sheet (unused), the fourpence orange by two re-constructed sheets (one of unused and the other of used copies) and the shilling green by a re-constructed sheet of used stamps.

The lithographs (perforated fifteen) include two unbroken sheets of the penny red shades, a magnificent unsevered sheet of the sixpence grey, which only lacks the outer marginal paper, and an unbroken sheet of the shilling in each of the two shades pale green and deep green. Stamp No. 9 on the pale green sheet shows the "cross on hill" variety, and the deep green sheet shows the variety with the cross removed.

The King of England's exhibit is framed with flags, and is attracting a great deal of interest. It is the first exhibit the visitors inquire after.

It is noteworthy that here, as in Amsterdam last year, the finest exhibits are those from collectors outside the country under whose flag the exhibition is being held. At Amsterdam the best collections of Dutch stamps came from England. Here there are two very notable collections of Swiss stamps, both of them from London collectors.

H. J. Duveen shows a grand array of Swiss rarities. On his first page is the unique part-sheet of the dove stamp of Basle. This is a rarity as a single stamp, but in a part-sheet of fifteen of these stamps, with the margins on three sides of the block, it is unapproachable by the exhibits of other collectors here. The rare double Geneva stamp is also represented by a large block of six whole stamps and three halves. This stamp issued in 1843 was the first trial of a scheme which has been suggested frequently in recent years of making a penny stamp divisible into two halfpenny stamps. The "double Geneva" stamp is composed of two parts, each of which was valid for 5 centimes postal duty, the whole stamp being for the 10 centimes duty.

The "large eagle" stamp of Geneva is represented in Mr. Duveen's collection by an unapproachable part sheet of twenty stamps, which part sheet came from the collection of the late Sir William Tvery, Bt., along with the wonderful

block of "double Geneva" stamps. The unique part sheet of Basle doves was discovered in Switzerland quite recently, in romantic circumstances. Mr. Duveen's specimens of the Stamps of Zurich outvie all the other collections of the stamps of this canton, and altogether I consider that this exhibitor's collection of Swiss stamps approaches very nearly in importance to the famous collection of Swiss formed by the late millionaire banker, Mr. Mirabaud, of Paris, which collection realised about \$40,000 after the owner's death.

Victor Beaujeux, also of London, presents a carefully studied and extensive collection of Swiss stamps, and while he has not the number of rarities presented in the Duveen collection, the philatelic work he has achieved will no doubt be taken into consideration in the awards. He has for the first time succeeded in reconstructing a plate of unused copies of the forty types of the Rayon I. pale blue of April 1851. The re-construction has been affected by blocks, pairs and strips.

The jury commenced its work on September 3rd.

One of the peculiarities which happens to be common to collectors, is the desire to purchase stamps temporarily out of market. Papua is a case of this sort, young and old, rich and poor, all seem possessed with the idea that they must have a complete set of these stamps. Differences in perforation that go unnoticed in the stamps of other countries is of prime importance here, while stamps printed on paper bearing the watermark sideways are striven after as if the salvation of the amateur depended on their acquisition. Stamps of their own country with inverted watermarks are frowned down, and the few who retain them in their collections are looked upon as childish triflers. The inevitable result will be a big drop in the price of Papua and those who sell before the drop comes will condescendingly inform their late confederates that they always get out of a crowd. The advice is good. Select your own country and go it alone. A fine specialized collection is always a valuable asset, but if every one has the same goods to sell there is no market. A set of Salvadors or Nicaraguas will be a far better investment in two years than a complete set of Papua. One glance at the map with statistics of the island must show anyone that they can be of very little use for postage stamps, therefore a small supply will last a very long time, and if they do not it is because the dealers have bought them all up. If every dealer is stocked and collectors have full sets there can be no advance in price during the life of the present generation. If you must speculate pick your own subject and keep quiet until your book is full and all the remainders are used up. Then you will have something worth bragging about.—Metropolitan Philatelist.

HOW TO COLLECT NEW ISSUES.

The systematic collecting of New Issues is an important development of Modern Philately. Even in these up-to-date times there are stamps being issued occasionally which never get a chance to become common, and it is important to the collector who wishes to keep right up-to-date to watch the New Issue column in *The WEST*, and keep in touch with the advertisements of New Issues in *The WEST*. Many readers, by putting themselves in communication with some of the dealers who advertise New Issues in this journal, have had some exceptional bargains of late. It is too late now to secure the 1 piastre 30 paras Levant for less than 10c. But you can be in time for the next scoop. Consult our advertisement pages. There are several excellent services for the supply of New Issues advertised from time to time. Make your choice and subscribe—soon.

Some Curious and Interesting Postmarks

By W. H. C. of Liverpool

Since my last issued list of Electric postmarks Cheltenham in Gloucestershire, England, has joined the ranks, and I also find a new variety has been brought into use for the London, E. C. office. It is three inches by one inch, made up of five wavy lines, and the earliest,—or should I say, oldest date in my possession is for August 21, 1910

Last month I received a letter from Sierra Leone, bearing penny red British stamp, and although it was posted for a certainty in Sierra Leone, it was cancelled by electric postmark one inch to three, with six parallel lines PLYMOUTH PACQUEBOT, on July 12, 1910, the said Plymouth being in England, a rather peculiar proceeding. Little Rock, Arkansas, and Silver Creek, N. Y., I should imagine, are somewhat small out of the way places, probably boasting a united population of twenty or thirty thousand people, but they are well up in postmarking matters, and send me capital electric varieties,—in fact about the finest I have seen, and I have seen many. I can assure my readers. Eight parallel lines are divided or pierced, as the printers say, by the insertion of a double line diamond about seven eighth taper, with a very fine pointed star as a centerpiece, and the usual circular issuing obliteration to left. The effect, as you Americans say, is great, and I should like to see more of these designs from other places if any are known to WEST readers and subscribers, so who can help? Please try. Editor has my address.

On looking through a quantity of Indian Bill or Revenue stamps, and what fine stamps they are, I find numbers of them cancelled with a very fine engine turned device, about the size of our British five shilling piece, and wording—Stamp Office, Lahore, picked out in white on a very fine black background. The date, year &c., being similarly treated, and as a cancelling device they are excellent, and have no equal I must admit as a stamp destroyer.

New Haven, Conn., U. S. A. sends me a letter somewhat delayed in delivery after a long journey and advertises the fact with a postmark on front of a most truthful order that the train was late and mail delayed, and from far away Denmark I receive a small ring type design and very large letters HORS-ENS.

The great Japanese-British exhibition at London is well to the front in postal matters, for all matters posted in the undertaking is treated to a special cancelling device about one inch in diameter, concentric circle, and Japan-British exhibition between circles with time and day of posting in centre. If the collecting of postage stamps is credited with improving one's knowledge of geography and no doubt it does, what must we say in favor of postmark collecting with its hundreds of thousands of places, names and peoples, to say nothing of unlimited design, location and demand. The Queen Victoria and King Edward Electric crown varieties are now obsolete and really good specimens full design are getting somewhat scarce.

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It is exactly half a century since Sicily shook off the chains of what was perhaps the worst government that ever existed, and the fact has been commemorated by the issue in the island of a pair of stamps, a 5 Centesimi deep green, and a 10 Centesimi rose red. Beneath the portrait of the great deliverer, Garibaldi, the designer has added the curious arms of Sicily, three legs joined together which recall the shield of the Isle of Man. We do not welcome commemoratives but we make an exception in favor of these. They are worthy of the occasion.

The Postal Scandal in Chile

Scott's Circular says about "The Postal Scandal in Chile": "We have just received from a friend several Chilean daily newspapers of the last part of July, which throw considerable light upon the speculative operations in Chilean stamps to which we have referred in recent numbers of the Circular. To translate and publish all the matter would require a good sized volume, and even to print the alleged facts as baldly as the newspapers give them would probably involve us in one or two libel suits, but the case in brief, as far as it is printable, appears to be as follows: Passing lightly the fact that various errors of the 1901-93 surcharges seem to have existed in infinite quantities and to have been obtainable from officials long after they were supposed to be destroyed, we are brought to the fact that several years ago a "stamp collecting gentleman" who appears to possess what in vulgar Americanism would be termed considerable of a "pull," got himself appointed to the department of Marine. As an official there, he possessed certain franking privileges. Utilizing these privileges and his position, he proceeded to manufacture and place on the philatelic market the so-called official stamps of 1907, large oblong labels whose philatelic interest is that of many other official "franks," used in various countries, including the penalty envelopes of the U. S. Recognizing the status of these at the time of their issue, we declined to list them in the Scott Catalog. The gentleman next produced the official stamps which our present Catalog does list—the current set of that time surcharged with anchor. These have been supposed to be very rare, and have been sold by those who were willing to handle them, at high prices. According to "EL DIARIO" of July 24, 1910, these stamps were, ostensibly, intended for foreign postage, but the Postmaster General refused to recognize them, and the Government ordered them destroyed. Despite this order, a quantity of them is known to have changed hands the present year,—and how many are yet to be had is still a question. The matter of the 12 cents and 1 peso stamps of the current set has added to the postal grievances of the Chilean public. These stamps, altho printed with the remainder of the set, have for some time been unobtainable in the ordinary way, but could be purchased from officials at several times face. There was known to be a large quantity of each in the treasury and the public sentiment became aroused. Enter again the gentleman with the pull. This time, we are told, he got himself appointed or transferred, to the Department of Justice, and there he had a truly brilliant inspiration. He decreed a new issue of stamps for the island of Juan Fernandez, transformed, for the occasion, into a penal colony, and this new issue was made by surcharging the stock on hand of the 12c and 1 peso stamps. Two birds with one stone! The speculation in these two values was protected, and a new set was created, which properly handled, might make further large profits. But here the Vice-President stepped in, President Moreno being abroad on the trip which ended with his death, and ordered the penal colony stamps suppressed, together with the outrageous "Jubilee" set proposed to be made by surcharging reprints of the 20c of 1854. The penal stamps are, however, reverted as placed in use at Juan Fernandez, so the conspiracy appears to have been nipped a trifle late, but philatelists may be grateful at least for the attempt at a purification. The obvious conclusion appears to be that (1) the Marine franks, and stamps surcharged with Anchor will not be accepted by collectors of legitimate postage stamps; (2) the status of the Juan Fernandez stamps is extremely doubtful, as, even if they were placed in use, there is a grave question whether they were legally authorized."



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

since the accession of Prince Nicholas. 200,000 sets will be printed, is the announcement, but we suspect there will be enough extra low values to make up sets when the remainders come to be sold.

The dearth of some French Colonial obsolete Postage Dues strongly reminds one of the motto "Carpe diem."

Of Cana Zone, the 8c and 10c, of both 1906 and 1909, seem available now in some quantity, and should be in demand. There are also items to be picked up here and there per 100, such as the $\frac{1}{2}$ c, tricolored Panama and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c, orange of 1906, which should be good things to have. The 1c and 2c, 1906, seem dear, while the 25c and 50c take some finding.

Austria commemorative stamps issued to celebrate the Emperor's eightieth birthday, have been slow in arriving, although it was announced some time ago that they would probably be on sale by the middle of summer. Contrary to the first reports, special designs are not to be used, the Jubilee stamps consisting of the designs of the current issue with the dates 1830-1910 added above and below the stamps.

It is common knowledge that increased prices are obtaining for the British 1d. black; perhaps other similar old British may be expected to move up likewise. The 2s. 6d. Queen, for example, is much too cheap.

There are certain stamps which a dealer does not have in sufficient quantities to make a quotation of; these he probably puts on one side in case they should be inquired for, and there is wisdom in making such inquiries. I am thinking of the 15c Tunis, 1906, most 20c values of used pictorial French Colonies, 4c Mexico, and similar stamps.

Like the men of Athens, our quest is ever for something new. They say there is nothing new under the sun, but that proverb was probably invented before the stamp era. We are waiting to see some of the new Argentine centenary stamps listed, in used condition. It is said that folks have been investing in the 4c value of these, but that more are to be printed. Hurray! So we get some after all.

One wonders why the 12c Argentine, 1909, is cheaper in quantity than the 12c of 1899. The former has had but a year in which to accumulate, yet is quoted for per hundred, but a price for a hundred of the 1899 stamp is not often met with. I am almost tempted to make a similar comparison between the 5c Salvador, 1903, and the 5c values of 1906 and 1908, but have not sufficient evidence as yet.

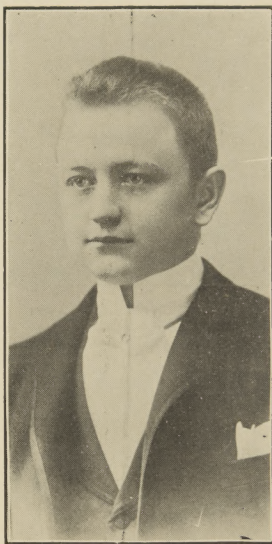
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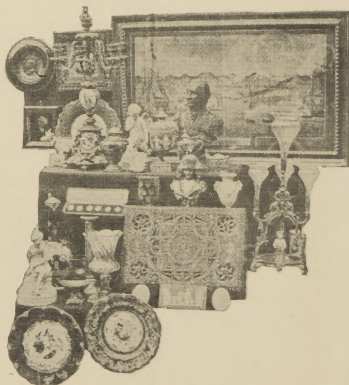
Edgar Lincoln of London, Eng., has got out one of the finest illustrated coin catalogues of English silver and copper coins, also colonial, foreign and American coins. It sells at 14c and it would pay all to get one. See his ads.

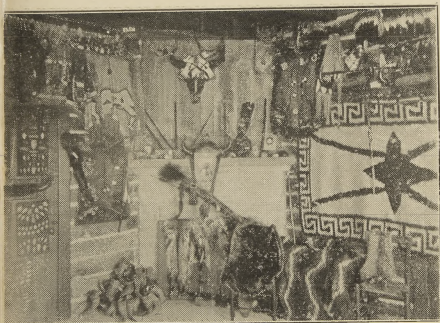


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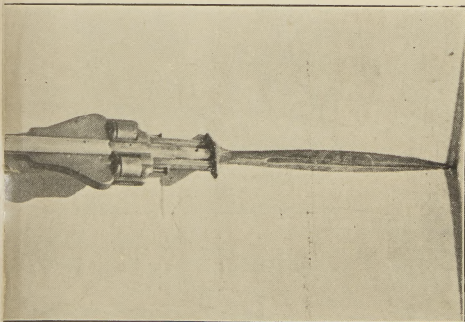


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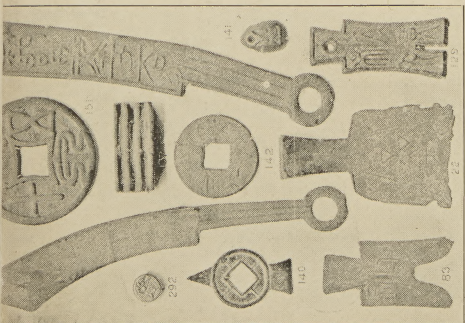




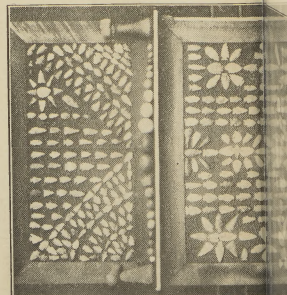
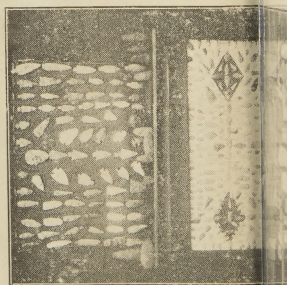
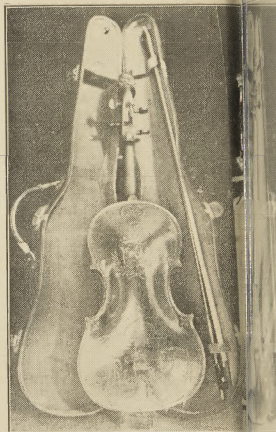
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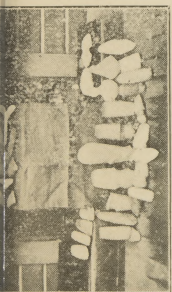
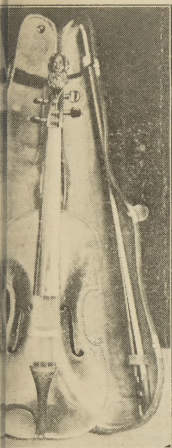


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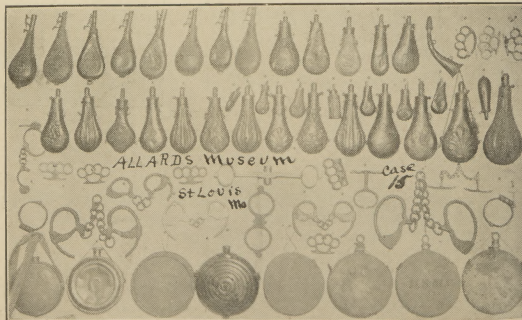
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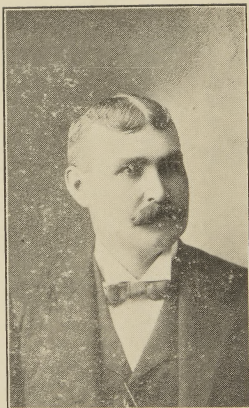
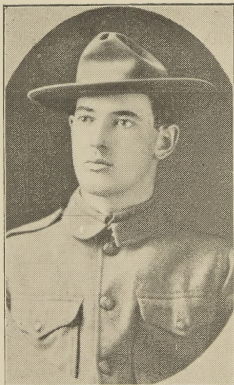
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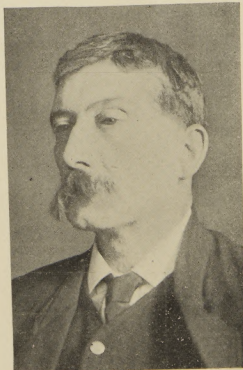
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Postcard Frames

In a previous number we gave some instructions for making several interesting decorative devices for picture post cards. While the fancy lasts for collecting these postcards there must always exist the necessity for some simple yet effective way of displaying a choice few of these before they are sorted into their respective books. Neat little wooden frames are to be bought for about 10c each, so arranged that a constant change of pictures may be made. The home carpenter can easily put together a few such frames, and can stain or paint the wood if it is not convenient to purchase them. It is very often desirable to find some holder, however, that will contain more than one card and will enable them to be handled even more easily than will the frames.

An exceedingly simple yet sufficiently ornamental rack for postcards is the following: There are several ways in which it may be made, though there may not be any very great difference in the general effect when completed. By way of background a sheet of stout mill board or strawboard is required. This may be of any shape and of any size that the worker pleases, subject to certain conditions. Thus, if it measures nine inches and a half wide and five and a half inches deep, it will display only one postcard with a margin all around of one inch in width.

It is not a bad plan to make one of these simple holders first in order to see the principle. The board has to be covered with plush or velvet, of dull blue, grey-green or any other color that will not clash with those of the tinted cards that may be laid against it. The material, being rather thick, must be cut away as much as it can be without raveling from the corners, and the edges of the velvet are then turned over to the wrong side and there securely fastened down. Either glue or stitches may be used. A brass curtain ring of the largest size obtainable must be procured and covered either with buttonhole stitch or with double crochet stitches made with coarse silk or mercerized threads. Or the ring may be left in its own brassy condition and may be ornamented merely with a twist of fine gold cord, or with a length of chain made with a crochet hook and gold thread. Another plan is to cover it entirely with colored ribbon twisted tightly over it. Many workers will feel that they will do well to disguise the real na-

ture of the ring. This done, it must be fastened to the cardbord over the velvet in such a place that when the postcard is slipped down behind the ring there is an equal width of margin all around the picture. The only way of ascertaining the actual situation for the ring is by taking a card and trying some experiments with it. The best method of fastening the ring to the board is by passing over it in the places, the bottom and two sides, a short length of ordinary brass picture wire. The ends should be brought together at the back, tightly twisted and then flattened down as much as possible against the card. The ribbons or rings for hanging up the frame must be attached to the top, the gumming on of a lining of satteen or silk serving by way of a finishing touch.

To display three or five postcards as many rings should be taken and secured, one below the other, a long and narrow sheet of board serving for a background. It is easy enough to place the ring so that one of these cards may be of the upright shape, if desired, or two may be upright, and only one of the landscape shape.

Card foundations can be of more elaborate shapes and the pictures arranged more fancifully when a greater number of postcards is to be displayed upon them. The rings may be grouped when required for as many rings as seven cards, four being long and three of the upright shape. By placing the rings close together the cards can be tucked in behind them in a more informal way, but if this is done it must not be expected they will show the whole face to such good advantage as when they are not so close together.

POSTCARD COLLECTING TODAY.

The collecting of pictorial souvenirs seems as popular as ever. New cards are being issued every day by the enterprising publisher to tempt the cartophilatelist, and to judge by the large number of new collectors that are commencing, the hobby has still attractions for many. As an American contemporary remarks: "Geography is taught by postcards as well as Art. A collection of postcards from all countries, if they are views, is a 'beauty and a joy forever,' and while closely related to stamp collecting there is a marked contrast. Postcard collecting is the lighter hobby, with very little study, and is affected by the younger generation and ladies, while stamp collecting numbers among its ranks principally business and professional men. When you have obtained a few hundred cards through exchange you wonder what is to be done with them. Some make screens, frame them, file them or insert them in albums. The new filing systems adapted to postcards are excellent if the size can be obtained and save frequent re-arrangements of the entire collection, a very tedious occupation. Albums on the other hand show the cards off better, but cannot be kept very systematic, unless you make a resolution to collect only a certain number of cards from one country and leave space for that number."

FUNERAL MEDALS OF KING EDWARD VII.

His Majesty King George V. has been pleased to present medals to the soldiers and sailors specially concerned in the late King's lying in state and funeral. The medals are duplicates of the medal of the Royal Victorian Order, created during the reign of King Edward. On the obverse they bear the effigy of the late King, and on the reverse the emblematic design of the Order. The medals are struck in silver and bronze; the petty officers of the navy and non-commissioned officers of the army receiving the silver medals, and the seamen and privates the bronze medals.

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London University will shortly become the owner of the finest private library of works dealing with Celtic literature in existence, that was recently left by the late Professor Whitley Stokes to his daughters. These ladies have presented the library to the university. Among comparatively modern and yet very scarce books included in the gift are the publication of the Ossianic society, of the Irish Archaeological Society, the *Acta Sanctorum Hiberniae* Louvain, 1645, and a Martyrology, published in Venice in 1708, which belonged to Bigot, a famous book collector. In the library the student will find ample material for the study of Welsh, Anglo Saxon, Cornish and Manx.

A set of Hanstead's Parliamentary debates and Parliamentary history, from the commencement to last year, the most complete set ever offered for sale, was sold in London for \$605. There were 678 volumes, commencing with Cobbet's "Parliamentary History, 1066—1803," down to the close of the last Parliament, ending with the suspension of the Budget.

Some of the late Queen's books from the Royal library at Osborne have been sold by auction in London. Many of the volumes bear the Royal Arms on the binding, and stamped over the titles are the words, "Sold by Authority." They were all the personal property of Queen Victoria, no longer needed at Osborne House owing to the changes made since the King gave it to the nation as a sanatorium. The late Queen's studies in Hindustani when she became Empress of India, are shown under the hammer as at least one volume in the collection brought under the hammer as indicated. The books, which numbered several hundreds, were disposed of in sixteen lots. They included 143 volumes of the Annual Register, complete from the first volume in 1758 to the death of the Queen. A set of the Universal History formed another lot. Seven parcels of divinity works, a set of Good Words, 1868-1895, and three packets of German books with Cibber's dramatic works, 1751, showed other of the late Queen's interests.

Of the hundreds of editions of Cervante's great romance "El Ingenioso Hidalgo Don Quixote," perhaps the most remarkable one was that recently issued at Barcelona by Octavio Viader. It is one of six copies printed throughout on cork in a Gothic letter, with some of the large initials illuminated by hand. The text is printed on sheets of very thinly cut cork, the two volumes, small folio, weighing just under 16 oz. each. The volumes are in a cork binding and enclosed in a crocodile leather case. An example just sold in England, which realised \$50, is said to be the only one in this country.

What promises to be the most costly copy of Shakespeare's works is at present being produced in New York. This copy, which will run into forty volumes when completed, will contain thousands of illustrations, and the binding is to be both costly and artistic. The value placed on each volume is \$500, giving to the entire set when finished a value of \$20,000.



The 80th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Sept. 2nd, President Harry F. Williams presiding. The following 17 members were present: Messrs. Mayer, Green, Verkler, Carey, W. F. Dunham, V. M. Brand, Jaeger, Michael, Vercouter, Jochem, Holmes, Baker, Williams, Donovan, Rau, Wilson and J. T. Kelly.

Communications were received from Mr. F.G. Duffield and F.H. Noble & Co.

The committee on Medalic Production recommended that the Society have struck medals to commemorate the progress of aviation in 1910, that the medals be of bronze and silver, that the dies be engraved and the medals struck in the U. S. Mint, that a copy be presented to each member in good standing, that copies be sold to the public at 75c each for bronze and \$2.50 for silver, and that art students and others be asked to submit drawings for said medal, the person whose design is accepted to be paid \$20.00, second choice \$5.00 and third honorable mention. The recommendation in regard to inviting designs to be offered was adopted on motion of Mr. V. M. Brand.

A motion was carried to the effect that it is the sense of this Society that they favor the retention of the Numismatist by Mr. Farran Zerbe as the official organ of the A. N. A., and that the passing of same to the control of any dealer be opposed, and those present expecting to attend the New York convention were requested to use their influence to this end.

Mr. Williams exhibited a number of South American gold pieces.

Magazines received since last meeting were: The Numismatist for July and Spink's Circular and the Philatelic West for August. Auction catalogs were received from Elder, Cahn 2. and the A. N. A., and catalog with fixed prices from Roudeau. Also a monograph by Howland Wood on the Canadian Blacksmith Coppers by the author.

Adjourned to meet Oct. 7th, 1910.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

NOTES.

The smallest book in the world is only half the size of a postage stamp. It is in the possession of the earl of Dufferin and is an edition of the sacred book of the Sikhs.

According to Consul General Ernest L. Harris, Prof. Butler of Princeton university and two assistants have arrived at Smyrna and will immediately begin the work of excavating the ancient city of Sardis. Two hundred men will be employed and it will take two years to lay bare the entire city.

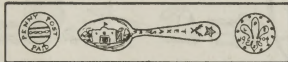
In London recently a valuable collection of violins, violas, violoncellos, and bows realised a total sum of \$16,000. Among the items was \$4625 for a violin by Antonius Stradivarius, the highest price ever paid for a violin by the famous maker. Another large price was \$500 for a violin by Domenico Montagnana.

Stephen Marchand, an American of vast wealth, made up his mind to possess the most expensively fitted bed chamber in the two hemispheres, and with that purpose in view he spent no less than \$190,000 on a bedstead alone with elaborate carvings of solid ivory and inlaid with gold filigree. At the head of the bedstead was a huge trophy cut from one piece of solid ivory. A special journey was taken to Africa to obtain a massive tusk for the purpose.

Coin collectors regard the collecting of old Greek coins as their most formidable task, not because of their rarity, but because fully one thousand independent cities had a distinctive series of coins.



ODDS AND ENDS



Mr. Jonathan King, an Islington collector, has offered to the British Museum his wonderful assortment of valentines, which is said by experts to be without an equal on either side of the Atlantic. It comprises 15,000 specimens contained in 250 immense volumes. Mr. King started collecting at the time when valentines were at the zenith of their popularity. Some of his specimens have long been sought after by ardent collectors, but Mr. King considers that in presenting them to the nation he will be taking a course that will prove to be popular. His collection includes the notorious "Banknote Valentine" which obtained for its inventor, despite its undoubted popularity, six months' imprisonment.

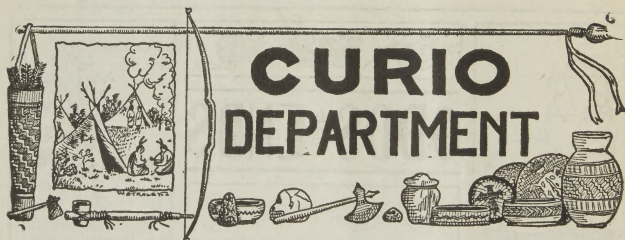
A decorated fan, composed of twenty leaves, has been sold at London for \$500. Each leaf was enriched by original drawings, autograph music, and quotations. The contributors were eminent artists, composers, and musicians.

Weighing 42oz., 10dw., a Charles II. porringer with the London hall mark 1664, realized \$2800 in London.

Among the treasures of the Vatican in Rome, is a table, believed to be nearly 600 years old, which, for originality of manufacture and ghastliness could scarcely be surpassed. The top of this table is made of human muscles and tendons, which have been artificially petrified in order to render them hard and capable of taking a fine polish. The centre is inlaid.

The old desk in the White House, Washington, is interesting in itself, apart from its connection with the ruler of a nation, inasmuch as it is a token of the goodwill subsisting between two peoples. Although occupying so prominent a place in the official residence of the President of the United States, it is not of American manufacture. It was constructed from the timbers of H. M. S. Resolute, which was sent in search of Sir John Franklin in 1852. The ship was caught in the ice and had to be abandoned. It was not destined to go to pieces in frozen waters, however. An American whaler discovered and extricated it in 1855, and it was subsequently purchased and sent to the Queen by the President and the people of the United States as a token of goodwill and friendship. In an English dock yard the Resolute was at last broken up, and from her timbers a desk was made, sent to Washington by Her Majesty "as a memorial of the courtesy and loving kindness which dictated the offer of the gift of the Resolute."

Ancient Peruvian pottery valued at more than \$25,000 has been presented by Mr. Henay Van den Bergh to the British Museum through the National Art Collectors Fund.



A remarkable collection of playing cards of all ages has been presented to the Company of Makers of Playing Cards. The collection includes English cards illustrating proverbs, heraldry, fortune telling, and items of topical interest. The Indian are the most interesting in the collection. Cut from deerhide, the 40 skin cards used by the Sioux Indian for the Mexican game of "Monte" are weirdly attractive. The pack contains four suits; Butterflies, fish, sticks, and annular ornaments. For the game of "Gunjfa," the Hindu made use of 120 circular cards.

The hugest animal alive or dead that is known to us has been discovered in a fossil state by Professor Reed, of the University of Wyoming, in the Laramie beds of that district of the United States. The monster was a dinosaur, about 130ft. long and 35ft. high, and weighing 40 tons. One of its lesser bones can hardly be lifted by a man. Its neck is 30ft. and its tail 50ft. long. Its body is large but its head comparatively small.

A flower has been found in South America which is visible only when the wind is blowing. The shrub belongs to the cactus family, and is about three feet high, with a crook at the top. When the wind blows, a number of beautiful flowers protrude from little lumps on the stalk.

No less than \$43,250 was paid in London recently for a series of correspondence relating to the American Colonies during the last quarter of the seventeenth century. The letters were addressed to Blathwayt, Secretary of State and Commissioner for Trade. On his retirement in 1710 he took the whole correspondence to his new house at Dyrham, in Gloucestershire, where it has remained ever since.

The costliest Christmas card ever made was executed to the order of the Gaekwar of Baroda, an Indian potentate, who wished to present it to a European lady. It was a piece of ivory 12 in. by 10 in., and more than forty elephants were sacrificed before a perfect piece could be obtained. Four ivory-carvers worked incessantly for six months engraving ten thousand scenes upon it, and the eye-sight of all four was affected, and one went totally blind shortly afterwards. Diamonds surrounded its edge.

Yale University boasts the largest skull of any prehistoric animal. It is 9 feet long and 6 feet broad.

The new silver coinage for the Australian Commonwealth is being produced at the Mint. One of the prettiest of the coins is the six penny piece. The reverse bears in the center the arms of the Commonwealth, supported by the kangaroo and the emu, and bearing a star as a crest.

The Merit of Age

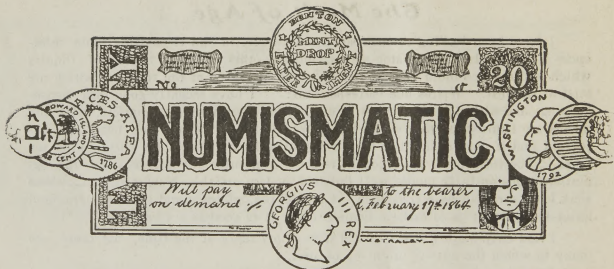
I have been looking through some old papers, to find if possible some references I had mislaid, and came across, among other things, letters of inquiry which had reached me a year or two ago, and answered at the time, but which are still of interest. Writes one correspondent: "I have recently gone into house-keeping, and although my income is enough for every moderate comfort, still my means are limited, so that while my tastes incline to artistic and beautiful objects, I find it most difficult to obtain anything I care much for that suits my purse. The furniture I have bought is good, some nice old pieces, and the remainder substantially made, well finished modern articles, bought at ——— whose work I am sure can be relied upon. I lack china, pictures and the ornaments and knick-knacks that go to make a home a place it is good to get back to."

I had only marked a very rough note of my reply at the time, but there are many to whom the answer might be of use.

Half the pleasure one has in contemplating the decorations of a living room lies in the remembrance of the story or history of the manner in which the particular articles are obtained; and when one has secured a really good thing, for a very moderate price, the joy of possession is greater in proportion as the price paid is low. Hanging on my wall over the fireplace in the room I am writing in, is a mirror in a gilt carved wood frame of the late Georgian period. The shape is charming and the carving open and finely executed. I had chanced into a big auction sale room about two years ago, where some miscellaneous effects were being disposed of, and saw it there, very much broken, but most of the pieces with it, stuck roughly on; it was knocked down to me for \$140. A frame maker (with intelligence) repaired it properly for \$2. I could not obtain anything old or modern, or so decorative, for five times the cost.

I have mentioned this only as an example that nice things can be had for a reasonable price, if one awaits the opportunity. For the collector or buyer of moderate means, however, it is useless to expect to pick up for a few cents antiques which have a recognized market value of double as many pounds, every day in the week. Buy the article that is good workmanship and in good taste, irrespective of its age. Your own instinct should guide you, and you will not be far wrong in the end. Years give no value to anything that was common at its inception. The paintings that command big prices do not do so because they are old but because they are the work of a master hand. True, the fact that only a limited number of the works are on the market, and the author is dead, increases the value, but it is the work itself that regulates the price. The old china clay cannot now be made, but it is the artistry of the modeling and painting that brings up the value in coinage, and the difference in market price of the different periods of the various factories. Sheffield plate, made at the time when silver was much dearer, as imitation, was so well executed that one prefers it to modern silver, as much on account of its solidity and excellent workmanship as the fine designs of the period.

Study your purse and your good taste together then, remember there are few people wealthy enough to buy the best of everything, and too often in these days great means and little taste are synonymous. Do not be in a hurry, make up your mind what article will fill the place you require it for and get that, or the nearest you can. But—and it is a big but—do not buy a thing merely because it is old. In works of art beauty first, and age after, is the combination that makes for enjoyment when possessed and profit when realized.—English Paper.



The Government Seizes Rare Coins

Not in more than a score of years probably, has Government action regarding what is claimed as "public property in private hands" aroused deeper interest and more caustic comment than a case in which, legal steps have recently been taken and which, it is believed, is to come up for trial in the United States Circuit Court for the eastern district of Pennsylvania early this Fall.

As yet the facts are known to very few persons, and while they are of interest to every coin dealer and "advanced" collector in the world, they are of such a character as to interest, also, every lawyer and, as well thousands of persons quite outside of these two classes.

No coin collector with pretensions of completeness lacks "proofs"—pieces struck with every care from oiled dies and sold by the mint at an extra price. All of these brilliant specimens of the coiner's art are scarce and many of them are now obtainable only when some fine "collection" is disposed of under the hammer of the auctioneer. The "pattern piece" is different and far and away more valuable, being a specimen in any hard metal, having a design or type for a coin other than that which has been in use, or similar to type in use, but with some change in design, or inscription; or an adopted design, but bearing a date prior to the year in which they were first coined for circulation.

Then there are "experimental pieces," being those struck from the regular coinage dies in some experimental metal or alloy; "trial pieces," being those struck from either regular or "pattern" coin dies in soft metal, to "try" the dies and as studies for the engraver, being impressions from the regular coin dies in a hard metal, or in an alloy, of a weight or of a fineness other than prescribed by law.

Numismatists are apt to classify all the foregoing, for convenience sake, as "patterns." Besides those mentioned there are "mules" or "hybrids," being those pieces struck from regular coinage dies, but with an obverse, or a reverse, or both, other than that authorized by law for the regular coinage of that denomination or differing from the regular coinage of the same denomination of the same date.

"Pattern pieces," then, as a matter of course, are eagerly sought for and are valued, just as curios and art objects, according to their rarity and when a "pattern" coin or any coin not a "pattern" is unique, or nearly so, its value goes up

to figures which astonish the uninitiated.

Early in this year, in the course of business, Captain John W. Haseltine, Philadelphia's oldest coin dealer, and admittedly at the head of things numismatic in the United States, consigned to J. H. Manning, of Albany, N. Y., a lot of "pattern" coins, twenty-four in number. These were pieces which were of moderate value, and all bore dates previous to 1887. One month after the consignment was returned by express and the instant it was received and receipted for it was seized by agents of the Government, who had followed the expressman for this purpose, it being claimed that there was no authority for the sales of such pieces.

Mr. Haseltine at once employed attorneys to protect his property rights and through them made prompt reply, claiming that the seized pieces were in no sense "illegally" sold, but that they were legal sales and that he was the legal owner of the pieces; and, being a fighter and a gallant defender of his country in the dark days of 1861, when fighting meant something, he had but to draw lightly upon his forty years' experience in his chosen business to furnish facts and to make citations from Government documents supporting his assertions.

The consignee, in Albany, it seems, wrote to the Director of the Mint, describing the pieces received by him from Haseltine, and asking information as to the number struck, etc. The director replied: "An examination of the records of the bureau reveals no authority for the issue of these pattern pieces. * * * Since the passage of this act of 1873 there has been no authority of law for the distribution of experimental or pattern pieces, and any such pieces as have been removed from the Mint have been taken without authority. No title has passed to any individual, and the pieces are still the property of the United States."

This position, it is believed, is untenable. From the official documents it is demonstrable easily that through the Mint the Government has sold pattern pieces to the public; and one authority says: "It has been estimated that in 1859 and 1860, \$500,000 worth of pattern coins were struck and disposed of at the Mint without any benefit to the Government, at whose expense they were coined." This statement was quoted in 1887, by the director of the Mint.

In 1871 the chief coiner of the Mint said: "From all that I can learn it was customary in former years to restrike a limited number of pieces from old dies to oblige collectors and others, and whilst there is no law against the practice, it is liable to abuse, and perhaps it is well that the destruction of all the old dies and hubs has entirely removed this temptation." This destruction of dies, the coiner stated, took place in 1869, and embraced many old and valuable dies dating from about 1800 to 1855. The Mint regulations, in effect July 1, 1866 prohibited the striking of coins after the year dated. Patterns were to be struck in proper metal only, and were to be sold within the year dated only.

In spite of "regulations" coins, and not a few of them, were struck in false metal. Several sets for 1868 were struck in aluminum by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, and in 1871, Mason & Co., a Philadelphia firm of coin dealers, advertised a set of sixteen pieces, one cent to \$20, in aluminum. In fact, mint regulations, it seems, made distinct provision, for the striking and distribution of pattern coins at the order of the Secretary of the Treasury. In his report for 1887 the Director of the Mint said: "Nothing had occurred previous to the last half of the fiscal year of 1887 to raise a question as to the legality and propriety of certain precedents and practices * * * in the matter of the production and disposal for numismatical purposes, of pieces to which the term 'pattern' has been colloquially * * * applied."

To be continued.



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RULES OF THE UNION.

1st. All members desiring information will please write the manager of the department which they are interested in, when it concerns that department which they are interested in; otherwise, write to the Secretary.

2nd. Members must act honestly in their dealings with other members. To do otherwise is to forfeit membership in the Union.

3rd. Members making complaints should always give all possible information such as membership numbers, addresses, articles in question, dates, etc. Members wishing a personal letter written to the delinquent member will kindly enclose four (4) cents postage to Secretary.

4th. Any member can be expelled upon a proper complaint after same has been thoroughly investigated and the member does not make desired returns.

5th. Members can have post cards translated at the price of 2 cents per card. Government postal cards 5 cents each. Letters 10 cents per page and 5 cents each subsequent page and return postage.

Dear Members: This is my first official report and message to you as Secretary of the Collectors Union. I hope you one and all will see fit to give me your earnest support in making this the best society in existence. My assuming the office of Secretary-Treasurer will leave the Post Card Department without a manager. I wish to see this office filled right away and will be glad to receive applications for said position. I am also desirous of having a report from each department manager each month. Until Jan. 21st, 1911, as an inducement to get new members the dues will be reduced to 25 cents. Renewals will be accepted at this rate also. Those whose memberships have expired should renew as soon as possible.

sible. The Union has never published a complete list of members, but I think it possible to have one by the first of the year if the members will give their support. In looking over old lists I find several members numbers have merged and several members having two or more numbers. This condition was brought about by the combining of the various societies. Those who have mistakes as above stated are as follows, and will use numbers as directed: 74, W. E. Emert, 74A. Pierson Hardwick. 75. Miss Madeline Keller, 75A., C.S. Graig, M.D. 2178, Mrs. C. F. Hoyt, 2178A. Frank Shepard, 62, L. F. Gow. 64, Francis P. Conrad, 87. Ben Batterson, 68, L.G. Cline. 97, A. Peterson. 2180, J. Stone. 2150, R. Ridgeway. 2201, E. Connel. 1, W. W. Barclay 2203, W. G. Leekun. 2208, A. Vazquez. 2197, Mrs. L. Hadaway. 65, William C. Jeffries, 70, M. Ohlman. 2154, W. Schwede. 2190, W. H. Clarke. 63, John M. Connor, Jr. 2126, C. V. Webb. 2285, Grover Scroggin. 2228, F. Sherman.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

Nos. 1, 21, 26, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 74A, 75A, 76, 77, 78, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 89, Bruce Alexander (No number given), 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 2101, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125. If there is any mistakes I will be glad to correct same if members will send me their membership cards for reference. Please renew,

RENEWALS.

- 68. L. G. Cline, 1200 E. 4th Ave., Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 69. Mrs. Eva Saint, 615 Spruce Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
- 79. Geo. Zuckschwerdt, Jersey City, N. J.
- 82. John Holzman, 184 Arson Ave., Newark, N. J.
- 2126. C. V. Webb, Perry, Ohio.

COMPLAINT—P. Hardwick, No. 74A. (Corrected), Card sent you July 26, 1910, by W. S. Hicks. Please answer.

NEW MEMBERS.

2354. W. L. Bucke, 1323, W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Note:—Mr. Bucke has a new way of keeping his card collection. His system is called "card rings" and consists of a set of three rings, three hooks and a punch. I have tried them and find them to be the best way yet to mount a card collection. The cards when mounted are arranged in such a way that you can view both sides of the cards without removing them from their original position. A set will only cost you 25 cents and I cannot do otherwise than to recommend the "Card rings" to you. Try them. Secretary. See his ads in last WEST.

2355. William Malcounnson, 40 Browning St., Jeppeston, Johannesburg, Transvaal, So. Africa; post cards, stamp view side.

2356. Mrs. Nellie Macdowell, 2100 15th St., San Francisco, Calif.; postcards.

2357. Louis Ingelse, Rue du Pavillon 31, Antwerp, Belgium; post cards, stamps view side.

2358. H. Norman, Kissey St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Africa; stamps only—no cards answered. Yours sincerely, James A. Carr, Jr., Secy-Treas.

STAMP DEPARTMENT REPORT.

Mr. F. J. Siebert, New York, N. Y., complains against No. 2130, Miss M. Hobbelaar, then of Lemprejanyan 12, Djoefakarte, Java. Now Mrs. M. W. Verbon of S. F. Nzelon, Djornbang, Java. He says he sent her on May 10, 1910, a book of 96 stamps Scotts value \$3.32 for which she was to send him stamps of Java in exchange on Scotts basis. Would be pleased to hear from No. 2130 as soon as possible. Secretary.

Photographing Coins and Medals

Having recently a large number of silver medals and coins to photograph, I turned up all the references to the subject in photographic literature I possibly could. A perusal of all the instruction I could find, left my mind in a terrible state, as there was so much diversity of opinion and I resolved to try some experiments myself.

One authority declared that success was only to be obtained by the indirect agency of plaster casts, another recommended the making of electrotypes from the casts, and the photographing of these instead of the actual medal, while another said "lay the medal or coin upon white faced cardboard on a backing of softer boards or blotting paper, and place under heavy pressure. The cardboard takes the impression of the coin, which is, of course, an intaglio instead of relief; but by photographing it by a strong side light from the bottom of the coin and then viewing the prints in an upright position the appearance is obtained of ordinary relief, as in the original coin." All these methods may, under certain circumstances, produce most excellent results, but it cannot be denied that they are troublesome and expensive, and to my mind absolutely unnecessary. I could not tamper with the medals I had to photograph in any way, and as the obverse (front) as well as the reverse (back) had to be photographed, the systems outlined above would have been either impossible, costly or troublesome. The method I adopted I thought out for myself; it may not be new but it not only enables one to photograph both the front and the back of the medal upon one plate, but enables one to secure a negative from which light or dark prints may be obtained, each giving different realistic effects.

I tried only one method of making a cast from a medal, and for that I used Plasticine and got a fairly good reproduction, but I am convinced that no method of moulding as practiced by an amateur will accurately reproduce the delicate surface markings on a medal, and to the practical eye the final photograph always has more the appearance of a copy than the impression of the original.

Reflections have to be considered, as in all cases of photographing silverware and other bright objects. The usual custom when cups and similar silver receptacles are to be photographed, is to fill them with ice water and place in a warm room so that the brilliant polished surfaces become covered with a thin film of moisture which in the form of dew, dulls the polished surfaces and prevents reflections. The ice water dodge is scarcely possible with medals and I found a better way in the shape of holding when possible, the silver objects over the smoke given off from burning magnesium wire. The wire produces dense fumes of white smoke which deposits itself upon objects in the form of a delicate film of white powder.

The secret of successful coin and medal photography is, in my humble opinion, solely in the lighting of them. A full front light as used when copying ordinary objects, pictures etc., is most unsuitable for medals, on account of the delicacy of the relief and the inscriptions upon the objects. In order to reproduce these properly upon the negative, a strong side light must be used, and it must predominate over the front or top light.

The camera is best used vertically in order that the medals can be laid down quite flat while being photographed, as they are difficult things to place in front of the camera, as one would hang a picture. The best background to use is black velvet; not only does black velvet show up the medal better than any other material, but it enables one to take two impressions—the obverse and reverse—of

the medal upon one plate.

The first accessory I made was made of a large hat box of card board and the lid covered inside with black velvet. The bottom was cut out and a piece at one side to the depth of about six inches. The medal was laid in the lid and the box placed over it, the whole, placed against a window, cut outside toward the light, and the camera pointed downwards into the box, through what was originally the bottom. The space between the camera and the box was covered with the focussing cloth and the only light reaching the coin was through the cut out side.

To take two impressions upon one plate the velvet base is divided into two equal parts by means of a piece of black cotton, and the focussing screen is marked down the center so as to divide it into two parts. The medal is then placed on one half of the velvet focussed upon one half of the screen and photographed in the usual way. The black velvet has no effect upon the plate, so that the other half remains good for another exposure. The medal is then turned over and placed on the other half of the velvet focussed on the second half of the screen, and photographed upon the other half of the dry plate. One exposure does not affect the other and the two impressions may be developed together on the same plate.

Obviously the two impressions must be exposed accurately, otherwise the two will not be alike. Owing to the one side being farther away from the light, it required a trifle more exposure. I then resolved to light all the medals from the top side in order that both positions could have the same illuminations. Although in theory a side lighting may be deemed preferable to a top side light, I found in practice that one was as good as the other.

Having adopted this principle I did away with the cardboard box and obtained from the grocer a wooden box such as come from Patras with currants in them, but soap, or sugar boxes of a similar shape will do as well. One end was knocked out, and a piece of about ten inches wide was cut from one end of the lid, and the latter nailed on the box in such a position as to leave an aperture at one end. The inner end of the box was covered with black velvet, and a long narrow slot cut in the bottom to take the tripod screw of the camera. The camera could then be placed in the end of the box and attached by means of the tripod screw. If the hand can not be inserted in between the side of the box and the camera, it will be necessary to take a small piece out of the side of the box in order to reach the focussing screw, and the stops. With the box I use it is easy to reach the screw at the side, owing to the box being wider than the camera.

The whole arrangement is then stood on its end facing a window, the medal laid on the velvet and photographed.

Another arrangement I have used with success is to take a piece of half inch wood, about six inches in width and long enough to hold a camera in between two chairs, say four feet in length. Screw shorter pieces on each end, and make a vertical slot in the center to take the camera screw.

By placing the bracket-like support upon two chairs and the camera pointing downwards in the centre, any object can be laid flat upon the floor and be photographed. If medals are photographed, black velvet may be laid upon the floor, while if the camera is not sufficiently rigid when so fixed, the parts may be weighted by means of books. The height of the camera may be regulated by placing books between the supports in the chair. In order to secure the best results from medals it will be necessary to shield the light by means of black paper or the focussing cloth, arranging so that the light reaches the medal to one side.

MINERALOGY



EDITOR'S NOTE—Our readers are invited to contribute interesting items, articles etc. to the Dept. Also reports of new discoveries of mines and minerals. All letters addressed to the Editor at Glendive Mont., will be answered as far as possible in this dept.—Forest Gaines]

Brother A. Jacob Rice of Easton, Pa., sends some interesting information this month, the first of which is a reference to the new zinc plant at Hazard, Pa. The New Jersey Zinc Company at Hazard, in the extreme lower end of Carbon county, which has already spent several million dollars in putting up oxide and other furnaces together with scores of buildings necessary to carry on its work of manufacturing oxide, zinc and iron, is breaking ground to build another monster plant that will cost several millions more. This is by far the largest manufacturing concern in Carbon county, employing now an army of 1500 men. Ten years ago the New Jersey zinc company acquired from the Lehigh Coal & Navigation company all the land situated and lying between the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Lehigh canal, extending from Lehigh Gap to Bowmanstown. On this property the company has since operated, increases to its plant being constant. The town of Palmerton, in which many of the zinc company's employes live, is one of the most beautiful places in this part of the state. Farm after farm has been acquired by the Palmer Land Company, conducted by the zinc people. It now owns everything from Lehigh Gap to Millport, a small town two miles above Palmerton, on the west side of the Aquas icola creek and everything on the south side of the creek toward Little Gap, for a distance of about four miles. The population of Palmerton is about 2000. The town has a bank, a new \$35,000 school building, and the company is maintaining at its own expense a kindergarten school. There is a "neighborhood building," where the people of the community can congregate for social enjoyment, and equipped with a library.

While excavating on his lot several days ago, James McGee of South street, East Mauch Chunk, Pa., unearthed several yellow nuggets that have been assayed and found to be genuine gold ore. There is great excitement over the discovery and prospecting will begin on a large scale. It has often been contended that gold in paying quantities could be found at Mauch Chunk, and 20 years ago a company began tunneling Bear mountain. After a tunnel had been driven 85 feet gold was discovered but not in paying quantities and the mine was abandoned. The recent discovery by McGee was but a short distance from this tunnel, and it is believed that Bear mountain, which has been only an ornament to the town, may yet yield treasure that will eclipse in value the anthracites taken out of the surrounding mountains.

On account of zinc being found in paying quantities near Quakertown, Bucks county, Pa., a thirty acre farm has been sold for \$25,000.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Members are required to answer all cards promptly.
2. Members must place their full name and address and UNION number on all cards sent for or in exchange.
3. Always enclose return postage when sending cards or letters to the Translation Department.
4. Always enclose return postage when writing for information of any kind.
5. Members should promptly renew when their membership expires, or else notify the society that you wish your name withdrawn.
6. The society gives as a premium five beautiful unused cards for each new member secured and also credits you with one point on the Roll of Honor.
7. We close our report on the 1st of each month and all notices and new memberships received after that date, must be held over for the next report.
8. Members are forbidden (unless requested by their correspondents) to mail view cards, for or in exchange, from states other than the one in which they reside, and members receiving such cards which are mailed in violation of this rule are under no obligations to reply.
9. The Secretary should be promptly advised in writing of all members who fail to answer your cards, by giving dates cards were sent as well as full names and addresses of the delinquents. Members in the United States and Canada are allowed one month in which to answer; Mexico West Indies and Europe, two months; all other places except Australia three months.
10. We do not have any rules or regulations other than the foregoing, and by carefully complying therewith, we are sure you will be satisfied with your membership in The UNION.

EXPIRED MEMBERSHIPS.

We wish all members to take particular notice that when their memberships expire they will be taken off the list immediately, as we wish no dead ones in our Club. The following memberships expire before November 1. Please renew at once. Those who want the WEST send direct to publisher at Superior, Nebr.

1552, 1626, 1858, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, '898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1093, 1904 1904, 1906, and 1907.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following members have secured one or more points during the month just ended. One point is allowed for each new member secured 628. J. Park Graybell 2 points 827. L. V. DeGroff, 4 points. 2038. Mrs. T. R. Miller, 2 points.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS.

2029. Charles Hiaumet, Vandevoort, Ark., prefers 4 or 5 unused cards in envelope; foreign only, no comic. Corresponds in French and English.

1974. Geo. S. Greene, 222 Birchwood Ave., Elmira Heights, N. Y., prefers colored views taken from hill or mountain tops or from high buildings.

1968. Harl H. Bronson, Principal, Wallows (Oregon) Schools, says: "Every teacher should join a card exchange. The views obtained are not only a pleasure but are useful and practical in making Geography and History interesting."

827. L. V. DeGroff an old time member in the UNION, breaks the record this month for sending in the largest list of new names secured by any one mem-

ber this year. Who will be the next to make a record?

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

- 2006. F. M. Levelsmier, 5820 Garfield Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 2018. C. Dizyeimski, 632 Illinois Ave., Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
- 2036. Luis G. Tejeda, Box 39, Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico.

RENEWALS.

- 1857. Clifford W. Lewin, 502 Main St., Royersford, Pa.
- 1926. Mrs. Laura Lunney, 2426 King St., Denver, Colo. (would like to get cards from a number of new exchangers)

NEW MEMBERS.

- 2040. Carrol R. Neighbor, 185 Quebec St., Montclair, Colo.
- 2041. H. K. Okada, 79 Yanaka Nippori, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2042. H. Layton Walker, 649 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
- 2043. W. L. Bucke, 1332 W. Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 2044. Robert Scott, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
- 2045. Miss Ruth Burns, 720 Castro St., San Francisco, Calif.
- 2046. Clearence Vanmrt, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
- 2047. Everett O. Phillips, Box 70, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
- 2048. Arnold G. Rorabie, Bloomfield, Ont., Canada.
- 2050. Joseph E. Kirchhoff, 68 East 113 St., New York, N. Y. (Scenery only; no black, fancy or comic).

AROUND THE WORLD BY POSTCARD.

A novel idea and one that is rapidly becoming popular is the sending of postcards through the mail so as to reach the sender again after having traveled around the world. The best method is to obtain a good thick piece of cardboard about the size of a postcard, writing on the back a number of addresses of friends in all parts of the world, in order. Each person as he or she receives the card places a new stamp on the address side and mails the card to the next person on the list. A few cards of this kind are quite interesting curios. Most fellow collectors even though they are strangers do not object to the expenditure of a penny to mail the card to the next person. Then they can start a card at their end to "get their own back." A card of this kind is quite a stamp collection in itself as the stamps of perhaps 14 or fifteen countries are represented.

POST CARDS AND TEACHING.

It ought certainly to be a source of satisfaction to those interested in our hobby to know that school teachers are beginning to realize the value of the picture post card as an important adjunct to the instruction of their pupils, especially in regard to the subject of geography, and in a very considerable degree to history also.

Kindergarten teachers are perhaps most familiar with the practical use of the picture postal. With many of them they are an important and attractive item in what they call their "busy work." They cut up into small triangles, rectangles and trapezoids a number of the most instructive kind of postals, such as park, animal and floral scenes, and the children find no end of delight in putting them together.

Sometimes they require the children to supply themselves with a dozen or more of selected postal cards, and, under their supervision they are laced or pasted together to form pencil or handkerchief boxes or small waste baskets.

Collecting Shells on the Seashore-Bivalves

A vast fund of amusement may be drawn upon by those interested in conchology, and referred specially to some of the chief groups of univalves which are commonly met with on our shores. The bivalves, too, are varied and include in their different families many exquisite specimens, some curious, others interesting on account of their beautiful markings and the delicate teeth with which they are edged. Perhaps in bivalves even more than in univalves the influence of the natural formations of the coast on which they are found, and of the rocks and shores they inhabit, are more clearly seen. Thus, on some shores where rocks abound, and where storm and tempest lash the sea to fury, the shell fish seem to require stronger homes to prevent the rough usage rendering them useless. Some of the shells found among the rocks in such places are almost untreakable, although often when picked up they are almost rubbed smooth by the action of the water. Needless to say, such specimens are quite useless to the collector, and often the dredge has to be used to obtain perfect specimens. Visitors to some of the coast towns have watched the fisher folk bringing in baskets of pectens, many of which are beautifully colored indeed, some of those dredged from deep water have brilliant shells, orange, purple and even black and pure white. There are several varieties of form, one pretty little shell having one of the "ears" or hinge projections quite small. This is known as the Tiger Scallop; another has earned the name of the Hunchback, from its peculiar form. In this group are the oysters and the delicate saddle oyster, which seems to accommodate itself to the form of any object to which it may cling.

The habits of the boring fish which have shells of various strengths, according to the materials they operate upon, are very curious. These fish, by a slow process of turning backwards and forwards, bore of themselves a home in all kinds of substances. Some confine their attention to sandy and mud shore, and go deep out of sight, their delicate shells cutting away the sand like a razors. Indeed one family have earned for themselves the name of the razor shells among the varieties being the sabre razor, the grooved razor, and the pod razor which is like the pod of a bean. But the shell is needed to penetrate hard rock are strong and covered with tiny spikes, which even the hardest material cannot resist, for time seems to be no object to the fish, who day after day keeps on with the endless turning and twisting. The wood boring shells do an immense amount of harm to the bottoms of ships and often penetrate quite a distance into the timber. The rough stone borer will sometimes completely honeycomb the face of a rock, especially limestone, penetrating as much as six inches into the stone.

Among the principal bivalves found on sandy shores are the different members of the Mactra family, some of which are beautifully radiated and finely colored, although for the most part they are shades of olives and browns. The common name of these is the trough shell, because of its resemblance to a baker's kneading trough. The blunt trough shell which is so called from being flattened at either end, is a convex shell, with very regular grooves. The Venus shells are very beautiful, especially those which have been termed carpet shells, their colors being ranged in patterns like a background of tapestry. The golden carpet shell, so called from its yellow hue, is tinted and sometimes banded.

Another variety is called the grooved carpet shell on account of the number of grooves which traverse it in different directions, but in this large family the banded Venus, a small species is very pretty, varying from orange to brown. The striped Venus too, a small shell about an inch in length, has very deep furrows

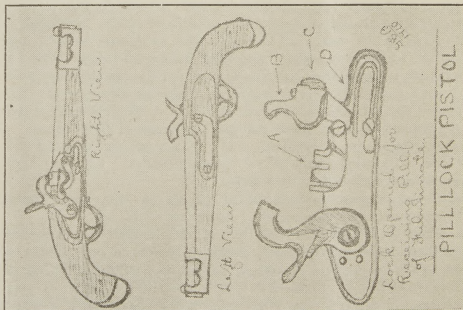
mation desired.

Ques.—Is it true that flintlock guns are in practical use today? If so, where and by whom? P. S. T.

Ans.—Warlike tribes and nations in certain parts of Africa and Asia are only allowed the use of flintlock arms today. The governments under whose control they are prohibit the introduction of modern arms for fear of increasing their subjects' revolutionary power.

SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING PISTOLS OF ANTIQUITY.

The percussion pill lock, or pick lock pistol, was used in this country after the Revolutionary War and previous to the adoption of the percussion cap lock mechanism. It derives its name from its use of pill shaped capsules composed of salts of silver, gold and platinum. These were more often used in compounding the fulminate, yet other ingredients were sometimes included. The fulminate thus prepared was put into a cylinder, one end of which was open, and placed at the tube connecting the flash pan, or receptacle for holding this pill—primer, and set off the charge inside the barrel when exploded by the firing pin held in place by the flash pan cover.



The illustration shows a lock of pill primer mechanism. A indicates the receptacle for holding the pill; B the cover enclosing the pill and holding the striking pin C; D is the side spring performing the same function on the cover of the pill container as it did on the flash striker of the discarded flint lock.

The first sketches show right and left hand views of a European pill lock horse pistol, marked as having been made by Carl Heiser. Brass mounted and made in two sizes, calibre 75—length 18 inches, and calibre 50—length 16 inches. These pistols are destitute of ramrods.

The best authorities declare that this particular primer was invented by Pauly, a Frenchman, while others contend that Forsyth and Egg led Pauly to produce this copper capsule, and therefore should be credited as its inventors.

While pill lock guns and pistols occupy an important place in the revolution of firearms, yet its period of usefulness is very short when compared to that of other types, both preceding and following it.

(Continued with No. 6 next month.)

SPECIAL FOR NEXT MONTH!!

"The Only Double Barrel Cannon in the World." By the Editor. Illustrated from photographs.

Collectors of old pistols will find Prof. Chas. Winthrop Sawyer's article entitled, "The Story of the Original Revolvers" in ARMS AND THE MAN beginning Sept. 29th, of great interest. This article is published in serial form and is itself worth the entire cost of a year's subscription to the magazine mentioned. Literature describing this splendid publication and a review of Prof. Sawyer's article may be obtained by request from Arms and the Man Publishing Co., Washington, D. C.

Errata:—In the article on the Kentucky Rifle last month the date of the Battle of New Orleans should have been Jan. 8, 1815 instead of as printed. The printers, also omitted the illustration which is inserted this month.

Mr. J. R. Tweeddale of Wilkie, Saskatchewan, Canada, in a letter to the editor objects to the battle of New Orleans being called the most overwhelming in American history. In numbers and importance it was exceeded by many other American battles,—what I meant to emphasize was the wonderful difference in percentage of casualties on the two sides proving the marvelous execution of the Kentucky rifle in the hands of mountaineer settlers opposed by the flower of English soldiery, supposedly equipped with up-to-date firearms.

The writer had ancestors among those "raw recruits" and this enthusiasm ought to be pardoned. If it wasn't like shaking a red rag at a bull, I would invite Mr. Tweeddale down to examine a wonderfully wrought crimson silk scarf taken from an English officer by one of the said ancestors. The Editor.

FRENCH ARMY MEDALS.

The medal which is to be issued by the French Government to the army which took part in the Moroccan campaign will bear on one side the profile of Mlle. Farnande Dubois, the actress of the Opera Comique. On the reverse of the medal there will appear a view of Casablanca. Mlle. Dubois on being interviewed as why she was selected for the honor, said: "It is very simple. M. Lemaire, the engraver, to whom I sat on several occasions, came to me on receiving the order from the government to execute the engraving, and told me that instead of the usual classical Grecian profile, which is to be seen on other medals, he desired to substitute that of a Parisian, and that as I possessed that quality, he had come to me."

CONTINUATION FROM S. P. A. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dear Members:—Now that the convention is a thing of the past, let us look forward to the future, and hope that the legislation passed at the recent meeting will be for the general good of the Association. What legislation has been passed is unknown to me at this early date, but I hope that all the officers will be more prompt in making reports in the future than in the past. Let all officers try and make a report every alternate month at least. The outlook for the future is good, and by the number of applications this month things look encouraging and things seem to indicate that Philately has returned from its summer vacation. Now is the time to put in your best work in the recruiting line. Don't you think that you could secure at least one new member for the next report? This will be an easy matter; if you haven't the blanks write me for a supply and they will arrive as soon as possible to get them there.

Hoping to see all take an active part in the welfare of the S. P. A. and to hear from all in the near future, I am, Fraternally, R. L. Doak, Secretary.

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1812, '13, '14 unc	1.00
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1841-O fine	1 00
1844-O extra fine	1 00
1846-O " "	1 00
1847-O " "	1 00
1848-O " "	1 00
1849-O " "	1 00
1851-O " "	2 00
1852-O " "	3 25
1854-O " "	1 00
1855-O unc	1 00
1856-O about unc	1 50
1859-O unc	1 50
1860-O extra fine	1 00
1861-O " "	1 00
1863-S good	60
1869-S good	70
1871-S unc.....	1 25
1877-S very fine.....	75
1894-S unc.....	85
1896-S "	85
1902-S about fine	60
1905-O unc	60
1905-S unc	60
1906-D unc	60
1906-S unc	60
1907-O unc	60
1909-S unc	60

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1806 over 5 good holed.	30
1838 unc. bright	1 00
1840-O fine	50
1844- unc scarce	1 00
1853-O ARROWS, very fine, rare	1 00
1855-D about fine	50
1856, very good	35
1860, extra fine	50
1876, '77 unc, bright	50
1877 S unc bright	75
1878 CC unc bright, rare	1 00
1879 unc or proof.....	50
1880, '81, '82 unc C	50
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Isabella quarter proof.....	1 25

Dimes

1836 good....	12
1838 Stars, very good	15
1848 " "	15
1853 " fine	25
1877 CC unc	75
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1-2 Dimes

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1794 very good	3 50
1795 unc mint state	12 00
1796 fine bent.....	3 00
1800 fine	2 00
1830 extra fine	30
1833 unc bright	35
1834 unc bright	35
1835-L, date fine.....	\$ 25

1835-S date good	25
1836 unc bright	35
1837 fine	25
1838-O starless, very good	50
1838 stars, very fine	25
1839-O very good	25
1843 fine	25
1846 unc, extra rare	12 00
1853, '58, fine each	20
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1820 unc red ..	50
1821 good	25
1822 fine	1 00
1823 very good rare.....	1 00
1824 fine	1 00
1824 very fine sharp	4 00
1824 unc brilliant ..	20 00
1825 fine 1.00; extra fine	8 00
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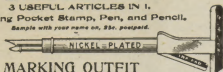
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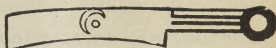
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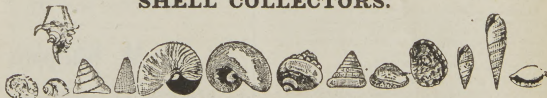


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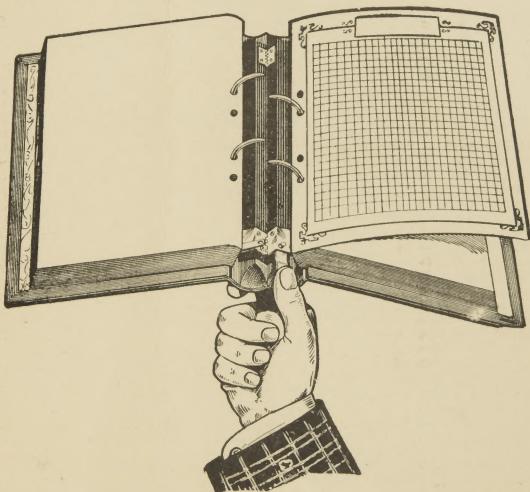
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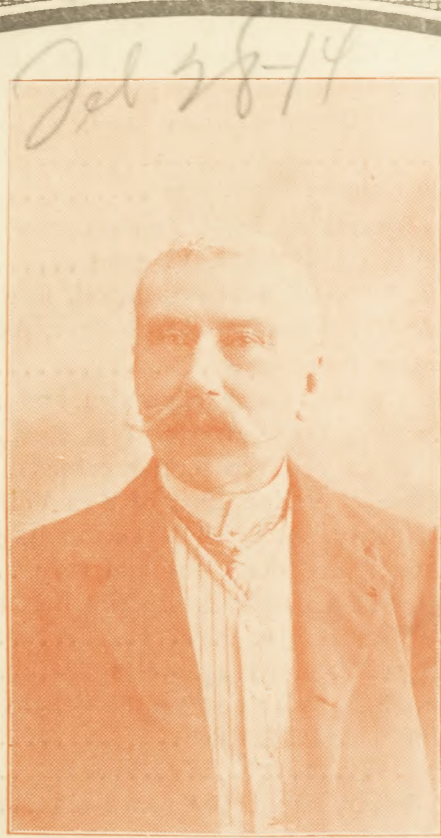


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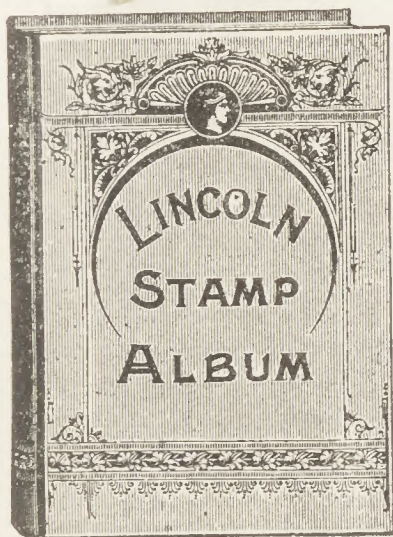
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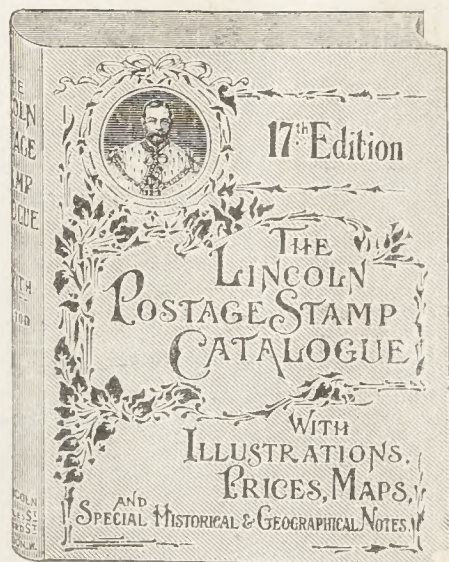
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Lot No.		Cat. Value
1	1847 5c No. 28, fine	\$ 1.75
2	1867 30c Emb. 9x13 heavy can. fine	4.00
3	1871 24c No. 153, fine	1.50
4	1873 7c strip of three	2.25
5	1873 24c No. 164 good, scarce	?
6	1879 90c str. edge	2.00
7	Columb. \$2.00 heavy can.	3.00
8	*1895 2c No. 265-266-267 o. g.86

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10	Navy 2c and 6c fine	1.00
11	*P. O. 12c and 30c o. g.	2.25
12	State 10c good, scarce	2.00
13	*Treasury 1c and 3c o. g., hard paper	1.15
14	Treasury 7c very fine	1.50
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20	50c Mortgage, part p.	1.00
21	Same, fine	1.00
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25	Br. Guiana, 1c Off. 2 corners off	10.00
26	Canada 3c 1852, No. 49, ribbed	2.50
27	10c 1859 No. 16A	1.00
28	No.'s 27-39A one slit, defect85
29	No.'s 14-23-24-25A, one has slit tear	1.35
30	*Columbia 10p 1892 o. g. pr.	1.50
31	*Tollima 10p, No. 55	2.50
32	North Germany, 7 and 18, No. 10 and 11 fair	1.45
33	*India 1866, 4a No. 26B.	1.50
34	* 2r No. 92 o. g., face 65.	1.25
35	* Sirmoor off. No. 67	2.50
36	Japan 1908 5y 2prs.	1.40
37	*Mexico 1894 1c No. 232 o. g. pair	2.50
38	*New Caledonia 1912 5 on 15, on 20, on 30, o. g., pairs scarce	1.16
39	New Zealand No. 206 Fisc. can.	2.00
40	No. 227 Postal can.	2.50
41	No. 252, 254, 255, 256, Fisc. can.	1.70
42	Nicaragua No. 502 & 514, Cabo	1.50
43	No. 344 Zelava "B" 20c on 5p	3.50
44	3c and 4c, No. 354-355, Zelava "B"	2.75
45	Nova Scotia 1860 2-5-10c scarce	2.40
46	*Panama 5c No. 1 fine	5.00
47	*Peru 1c on 10s No. 268 o. g.	1.25
48	* Arequipa No. 2, Blk of 4.	2.00
49	Queensland No. 201-230-231 Fisc. can.	1.75
50	*Romania 1906 Jubilee's 184-185-194-195, high values, face \$1.20	3.00
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54	No. 209 Fisc. used	1.50
55	No. 211 Fisc. used	2.50
56	*Tobago 3d No. 2, no gum.	4.00
57	1sh No. 4 pen can.	5.00
58	Trinidad 1sh 1883 heavy can.	1.00
59	*Venezuela No. 230B error.	2.50
60	Victoria No. 317-318-319-320-321 Fisc. can.	2.55
61	Victoria No. 324 Fisc. can.	1.25
62	No. 331 61 Fisc. can.	1.50
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64	Sheet of 20, small defects.	6.39

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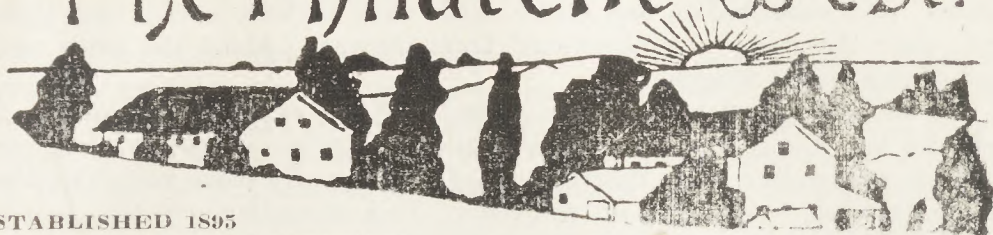
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78	25c Bond Perf. (20)	2.40
79	*1c small I.R. on Post. o. g. (20)	3.00
80	China 2c scarlet No. 65 and 77 (100)	2.00
81	Costa Rica 1901 50c scarce (10)	2.50
82	Costa Rica 1903 25c (25)	4.50
83	Ecuador 20c 1894 off. defective (40)	10.00
84	*Egypt Soudan 1m 1902 (25)	2.00
85	*Guatemala 1913 1c on 50 (25)	?
86	* 1913 12½ on 2p (18)	?
87	*Mexico 5c No. 118 (25)	25.00
88	* 10c No. 119 (25)	12.50
89	Phil. Is. 2c 1906-1911 (200) ..	4.00
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98	34 Covers, Gt. Britain, 65 stamps, 40 var., over	1.35
99	150 Covers Europe, 246 stamps, 196 var., over	3.75
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EDITORIAL CORNER.

It is true, entire covers, entire envelopes, entire cards and entire wrappers are harder to get and harder to keep than the adhesives or square-cut stamps. For this very reason, however, they are rarer and should be more valuable. They are in some instances, but, on account of the difficulty in transporting and housing them, also because of their omission from catalogs and albums, they are not in so great a demand as the adhesives and square-cut stamps, and consequently the prices they command are comparatively low.

We should not wonder if these prices began to climb up perceptibly pretty soon, for there are some collectors who are busy picking them up wherever they find them, not merely because they expect a rise in price, but because

these "entires," as they are called philatelically in short, have a philatelic value beside and above the market value. They are able to demonstrate many a point that the adhesive or square-cut cannot.

On an entire cover, for instance, we often find one or several postmarks beside the cancellation—or part of one—on the adhesive or imprinted stamp. There is also the address of the sender and the receiver and possibly some other point of interest. Entire stamped envelopes show the different "knives," "gums" and watermarks, and entire cards have various inscriptions that are lost, when the stamp is "square-cut" from the card. About the same may be said of newspaper wrappers.

If we study auction catalogs and various items here and there in the journals, we may notice that in many instances an entire original cover is considered unquestionably more desirable—and consequently more valuable—than a stamp that has been taken off the cover. This is particularly true in regard to very old issues and all those that have been cancelled to order, reprinted or counterfeited, the entire original cover always giving some additional evidence of the genuineness and use of the stamp or stamps it bears. Counterfeiters have, indeed, tried to imitate original covers, but there can be no question that they found this very much more difficult than the counterfeiting of simple adhesives and square cuts.

We have mentioned and repeated it before that the best way to collect the Seebeck and similar stamp issues, we think, is the collecting on entire covers. The same may be said of provisional issues, as the present Mexico Sonora stamps and the former issues of Campeche and Guadalajara, the Philippine Aquinaldo stamps and many others, the use of which has been more or less doubted for some time. In a general way we may say that the rarer a stamp is, the greater will be its value if it remains on the original cover on which it has done its postal duty. This, of course, is said of used stamps only.

Unused stamps lose some of their value by being pasted on an envelope. The most desirable condition in which to get these, is in entire sheets with margins, or in blocks, strips, or pairs, as in this condition there is always more to be learned about the stamp in question than could be learned from anyone detached single specimen.

Unused stamped envelopes, wrappers and cards, are about the same as used, only they are so much cleaner and nicer, and show all parts of the designs and inscriptions they bear, while used copies often have one or the other part "obliterated" too effectively. In some instances unused copies are much rarer than used ones, but this is not always the case, and a collector will do well to find out about this and to take care to distinguish between genuinely used pieces and others that have been tampered with to make them appear as if they had been used.

There are various ways to keep a collection of "entires." One is to mount them in albums like those provided for collections of view cards. Another way is to keep them in albums made especially for that purpose. The cheapest and simplest way that we know is, to keep them in paper boxes resembling those in which new envelopes come from the factories. In these boxes the "entires" may be arranged and kept like the cards of a card index, and in that way they are just as accessible as they would be in an album and offer the added advantage of being taken out more easily for examination.

We are glad to note that quite a number of readers of The WEST are tak-

ing interest in "entires." Yet we should like to hear from more, even if they do not join the society now being organized by Mr. Gellerman. By letting others know what one has, or what one desires, exchanges may be effected, information may be diffused, and all may be benefited. Of course, it is desirable that a permanent organization be established with headquarters that may serve as a nucleus for further development, and all who are able to give aid to this movement are cordially invited to do so for their own and their fellow collectors' benefit.

We do not care much for any particular form of organization. What we consider of vastly greater importance is the acquaintance and communication between collectors of like minds and tastes, so as to make the surplus of one available for the needs of the other and thus to raise them all to a higher level. One may have duplicates, or some knowledge that, he thinks, are of very little value while some other collector, if he only knew of it, would gladly acquire the same as a valuable addition to his collection, or to the store of his philatelic knowledge.

Why then hide yourselves and your treasures? Come on, and let others know what you have and what you want! They may have something for you to make your heart glad too!—Dorpat.

SHORT NOTICES.

Mr. John A. Rosen of Sinton, Texas, has shown us a freak in the form of a cash paid permit (Selby Shoe Co.) Portsmouth, Ohio, "2c Paid Portsmouth, O. Permit No. 1," overprinted "3c Paid Portsmouth Ohio, Permit No. 1," and ten bars cancelling the first print. Finally a 3c stamp was pasted over the permit and cancelled with the oval office P. M. "Portsmouth, Ohio" (center black) We had seen similar evidences of economy but never one just like this one. Mr. Rosen also showed us a Parcel Post "C. O. D." postmark (without postoffice name). It is the first one we have seen, and we wonder whether there are different types, or what else may be learned about these special postmarks. "C. O. D." of course, means "Collection on Delivery." It is time to notice these things now, while they appear. Later on they may be changed or abolished and then it may be hard to find out anything about them.

Mr. D. J. Burris of Altoona, Pa., has shown us two distinct dies of the 1c Columbian envelope (1892). One has periods after America and after Cent, while the other has not. There are other decided differences, particularly noticeable in the ends of the wings of the eagles. The same gentleman has shown us two copies of the 1c stamped envelope, current issue, with breaks running across the N of Cent. In either case the break extends from the inner oval through the oval band and the outside line, in one case it runs through the first down stroke of the N, in the other through the second. We have seen similar varieties of the 2c envelope. We are not sure whether these varieties were produced by a break in the working die, or by a fold in the paper, the latter seeming to be the more probable. Still other varieties shown us by Mr. Burris are in the current 2c adhesive, produced we think, by scratching of the plate or by imperfect wiping. The same may be said of a 1c Panama-Pacific stamp with hairlines running horizontally through the two numerals. Mr. Burris would be pleased by hearing from other collectors interested in like varieties of U. S. stamps.

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My dear members:—In addressing you this month, I wish to thank you first of all for the interest that has been manifested by the appointed resident Vice Presidents for the different States and Countries, as shown by the different letters and applications already received, and from the present indications, I feel that we will have a tremendous increase in membership during the coming year. Not only do I thank the resident Vice Presidents and Recruiting Committee, but each individual, as I am sure each one is striving hard to secure at least one new member per month, and I hope that they will meet with success in their endeavors to have a greater S. P. A. Although I did not receive replies from all the Vice President appointments, I took the liberty to forward their Certificates of Authority, and I feel sure that they will prize these magnificent cards and do all they can to help us make my term as President a success. I am asking your aid, kind members, and I feel sure that you will help me in every way possible.

In addition to the vice-president's appointments last month, I wish to add the following names to the list: California—E. R. Gerderning; Illinois—C. Staub; Pennsylvania—H. N. Hass; England—W. S. Lincoln; New York—Wm. Lysett.

I have also appointed Reuben W. Ahlman to serve on the Recruiting Committee, and I am sure he will have his best endeavors.

Regarding the Exchange Department, Mr. Swisher has handed in his report as published in this issue, and Mr. Aldrich is ready to take full charge as Exchange Manager. We feel that this Department will soon be in running order under Mr. Aldrich, and we cordially invite you to participate in the same.

With best wishes to each and every member I am

Yours for a greater S. P. A.

C. W. Kissinger, Pres.

STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 1914.

No. of Books on hand and in circulation Jan. 1st, 51, \$451.19; No. received since, 10, \$104.76. Total, \$555.95.

No. of Books on hand and in circulation, Feb. 1, 37, \$397.10; No. retired, 24, \$98.00; Amount exchanged, \$60.85. Total, \$555.95. J. Selden Swisher.

Report from former Exchange Manager, received February 6, 1914, who is retiring the books in this Department as rapidly as possible.

C. W. Kissinger, Pres.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Perry, Ohio, January 31st, 1914.

RECEIPTS.

On hand, Dec. 31, 1913\$ 3.79
 Dues 118.50
 Initiation fees 5.25
 Miscellaneous, Subs to West, etc. 26.80

Total\$154.34

Balance in treasury, January 31st, 1914\$64.81

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. Webb.

EXPENDITURES.

Printing\$ 26.90
 Advertising 1.20
 Miscellaneous (Subs., etc.) ... 61.43

Total\$ 89.53

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, January 31st, 1914.

185 books in circulation as per last month's report, value\$3065.51
 37 books received since, value 698.70
 222 books, value\$3764.21
 39 books retired during the month, of which the amount of \$220.07 or
 34½ per cent was sold 638.31
 183 books in circulation\$3125.90

INSURANCE FUND.

Amount on hand as per last month's report\$ 147.41
 1 per cent from retired books 6.38
 Total amount\$ 153.79

I wish to call the attention of all members who are receiving circuits to the fact that they must live up to the rules in all cases. All members who receive circuits whether they take any stamps or not, must send me a report stating they have forwarded it to the next member on circuit, otherwise it is impossible to keep track of them correctly.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Roemer, Supt.

Reports approved Feb. 7, 1914.—F. R. Hayworth, W. L. English, Jr., Robert C. Edgar.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—APPLICATIONS.

1133. Mauray Swartz, Co. "B", Engineer Co., Washington Bkrs., Washington, D. C. 25, Clerk in U. S. Army. Ref.—Cheny Orcutt, C. Clemence. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1134. Fred Griffith, Gettysburg, South Dak. 15, Student. Guar. by H. Griffith. Prop. by Reuben W. Ahlmann.

1135. Isadore Alexander, 211 W. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. 11 Student. Guaranteed by Mrs. B. Alexander. Prop. by G. A. Brucker.

1136. Alton A. Briggs, 738½ Hamilton Ave., St. Clair Heights, Mich. 33, Salesman. Ref.—Wm. E. Lore, Harry Pohlman. Prop. by W. F. Slusser.

1137. Walter Humphreys, 3457 Crittenden St., St. Louis, Mo. 26, Accountant. Ref.—E. Holdsway, R. L. Lund. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1138. George W. Sando, Box 61, West Fitchburg, Mass. 46, Size Maker. Ref.—Thomas Congram, Paul Riedell. Prop. by Paul Riedell.

1139. Edwin S. Hoppes, 1116 Emmett St., Allentown, Pa. 31, Dealer in Stamps. Ref.—C. W. Kissinger. Prop. by C. W. Kissinger.

1140. Carl F. Price, 1868 Amsterdam Ave., N. Y. City. Legal, Real Estate. Ref.—Wm. Lycett, R. W. Keeler, D. D. Prop. by Wm. Lycett.

1141. Clyde J. Holmes, 255-9 Horseman Blk., Grand Rapids, Mich. 41, Attorney. Ref.—City Trust Savings Co., A. B. Kurrolson. Prop. by Louise W. Kellogg.

1142. H. S. Greene, 133 Lafayette St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 30, Clerk. Ref.—**Wm. Lycett.** Prop. by Wm. Lycett.
1143. L. H. Lederer, Norfolk, Neb. 39, Bookkeeper. Ref.—**J. E. Haase.** Prop. by Reuben W. Ahlmann.
1144. Harold Woodlands, Kapunda, So. Australia. 31, Forest Dept. Ref.—**L. T. Brodstone, P. M. Mann.** Prop. by L. T. Brodstone.
1145. Michael C. Balsam, 55 E. 100 St., N. Y. City. 25, Inspector. Ref.—**John L. Jordan, Jos. S. Macus Sons.** Prop. by A. M. Tannenbaum.
1146. E. O. Gerberding, Hueneme, Ventura Co., Cal. 58, Accountant. Ref.—**C. W. Kissinger.** Prop. by C. W. Kissinger.
1147. C. W. Haynes, Marion, Ky. 32, Mail Order Post cards. Ref.—**Kentucky Flour Spar Co.** Prop. by M. N. Boston.
1148. Annes Admiraal, Box 90, Wolesley, Sask., Can. 39, Livery Stable. Ref.—**A. H. Hord, A. P. Thomson.** Prop. by Wm. Wirt.
1149. Geo. D. French, Ivoryton, Conn. 36, Asst. Postmaster. Ref.—**F. M. Rose.** Prop. by L. C. Sterner.
1150. Watler A. Ruge, 4021-a, McRee Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 28, Letter-carrier. Ref.—**Manchester Bank of St. Louis.** Prop. by Fred G. Fuessel.
1151. Preston Lowell, 161 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Boiler Fireman. Ref.—**Bing & Bing, Abram & Straus.** Prop. by John A. Vanderpoel.
1152. Warren A. Taylor, 810 W. 10th St., Wilmington, Del. 31, Asst. Treas. Ref.—**Philip LV. Garrett, Wm. G. Ramsay & Co.** Prop. by H. E. Kaighn.
1153. F. E. Schwab, R. D. No. 1, Port Washington, Ohio. 46, Farmer. Ref.—**Postmaster of Port Washington.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1154. A. O. Durland, 1242 Upper 1st, Evansville, Ind. 42, Stamp Dealer. Ref.—**Citizens National Bank, Sargeant Coal Co.** Prop. by H. S. Powell.
1155. Leon Hinsley, 2616 Jackson St., So. Omaha, Nebr. 19, Chemist Helper. Guar. by Wm. Hinsley. Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1156. Raymond E. Scheerer, 1020 W. Race St., Pottsville, Pa. 28, Mfg. Ref.—**Dr. L. T. Kennedy.** Prop. by C. W. Kissinger.
1157. Claude T. Foxworthy, 27 No. Bolton Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. 18, railroad Clerk. Guar. by H. R. Foxworthy. Prop. by Edw. T. Wallis.
1158. J. tSacy Phelon, Jr., 51 Leonard St., N. Y. City. 28, Office Mgr. Ref.—**J. B. Sheldon, Wm. Henniger.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1159. S. Julius, Lansdowne, Pa., care of Country Club. 34, Steward. Ref.—**Eugene Klein.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1160. Rafael Martinez, A Esq. 5 Vedado, Havana, Cuba. 30, —. Ref.—**Permas & Collado.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1161. C. L. Droste, Box 1356, Richmond, Va. 51, Vice Pres' duplex Envelope Co. Ref.—**Unon Bank of Richmond.** Prop. by Burt McCann.
1162. Arthur Grant Musson, 1717 8th Ave., Moline, Ill. Clergyman. Ref.—**Dr. Jefferis.** Prop. by Dr. Jefferis.
1163. Joseph R. Thomas, Box 615, Gainesville, Fla. 27, Pressman. Ref.—**H. A. Fisher, D. M. Tomkins.** Prop. by R. T. Schafer.
1164. Malcolm H. Ganser, 1509 Arch St., Norristown, Pa. 35, Shorthand writer. Ref.—**F. H. Sykes, L. L. Hallman.** Prop. by L. T. Brodstone.
1165. Henry J. Voltz, 4005 Syosset St., Woodhaven, L. I., N. Y. Legal, Agent. Ref.—**H. Wendt, E. L. Weiss.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.
1166. F. P. Gibbs, Box 536, Olean, N. Y. Legal, Merchant. Ref.—**Arthur Gibbs & Sons.** Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1167. J. E. Clark, 1115a Main St., Fort Worth, Texas. 27, Barber. Ref.—C. Werchsel Company, Ritchie Cootan Turner Co. Prop. by L. T. Brodstone.

1168. Harvey G. Tubbs, Box 394, Maquoketa, Iowa. 29, Cigar Business. Ref.—L. B. Edwards, O. McCaffrey & Co. Prop. by L. B. Edwards.

1169. Harold Heath, Box 1332, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. 18, Clerk. Guaranteed by Chas. Heath. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1170. David A. Loebenstein, 802 Tinken Bldg., San Diego, Cal. 34, Civil Engineer. Ref.—Allen H. Wright, John B. Osborne. Prop. by E. P. Seebohm.

1171. Rev. F. J. Barwell-Walker, 1021 Quincy St., Hancock, Mich. Legal, Priest. Ref.—H. A. Benner, Spiegel, May, Stern & Co. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1172. Leo B. Crabbs, 303 W. Tenth St., Kansas City, Mo. Legal. Treasurer, Union Bank Note Co. Ref.—Commerce Trust Co., Mo. Savings Bank. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

1173. Mrs. E. W. Oughtred, 28 Lincoln Ave., Montreal, Prov. of Quebec, Can. Legal, Stamp Dealer. Ref.—Mrs. Louise W. Kellogg, W. C. Stone. Prop. by Parke M. Lawrence.

1174. D. C. Bartley, 3040 Arcade Bldg., Seattle, Wash. 32, Pharmacist. Sec. Wash. State Phil. Society. Prop. by L. T. Brodstone.

1175. I. P. Harrison, Hartford, Ct., 11 Burton St. S. Smith, Charter Oak Bank. Prop. by L. T. Brodstone.

1176. Wm. Perlman, 1023 5th Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. 32, merchant. Ref.—Washington Trust Co., Chas. Jacobs. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT.

273. S. C. Bushnell, 625 Greber Pl., St. Louis, Mo. Legal, Trav. Agent. Prop. by C. V. Webb.

416. Wm. S. Vawter, care Co. M. S. C., Fort Shafter, Oahu, Hawaii. 22, Telegraph Operator. Prop. by F. R. Hayworth.

REINSTATED.

813. Arthur Laceby, c-o Actor's Fund Office, Gaiety Theatre Bldg., N.Y. City
RESIGNED.—663. S. Altman; 935. Ronald Tiedmann; 948. John U. Hoffmann; 1060. Wm. Wassman.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.—Total membership January 12th, 1914, 530. New members, 24. Reinstated, 3. Resigned, 4. Total Membership, February 26th, 553.

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USE YOUR NUMBER, PLEASE!! Members when writing correspondents are urged to use their S. P. A. number. Dealers advertising should also use it. It helps.

Dear Members:—The 1914 Year Book was mailed in the middle of December. If you did not receive your copy, write the Secretary at once for another.

Why not use high values in forwarding circuits? It would be appreciated.

J. E. Dennett writes: "I get more enjoyment from the S. P. A. than from all other societies combined." Peyton A. Cocke writes in regard to the S. P. A.: "It is money well invested."

Yours respectfully,

C. V. Webb, Secretary-Treasurer.



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Religion and stamps have many associations. We have the Anthony sets of Portugal and the colonies, showing the saint preaching to the fishes because men would not listen to him. The same set shows other incidents in his life. In Bulgaria we have a short set (Scott's No. 43 to 46) to celebrate the baptism of King Boris into the Greek church. There are many others, but the most striking is that set recently issued by Greece. One type shows the Cross shising triumphantly over the Acropolis; the cross (Christianity) the victor over the Crescent (Mohammedanism). In the same series is shown a dove flying with a viper.

The sale of London's second largest dealer to a rival concern for over \$5,000,000 (the figures are rumor) will cause many boys to enter the business in the hope of emulating an enterprising man. The stamp business in America presents vast possibilities. None of the American concerns of today can handle all the business offered, simply because most dealers specialize. One sells only U. S., another Twentieth century, etc. There is room enough for all.

Liberia is again in need of money, so we may expect more cancelled-to-order trash. The marekt is flooded with it now.

The Belgium Charity stamps, showing St. Martain sharing his cloak with a beggar, were the Christmas Red Cross stamps of Belgium, so to speak. They were good for postage and at the same time helped those afflicted with the White Plague. The stamps cost about double face. The 1c and 2c surcharged "1911" in black are the hard-to-get stamps.

Mexican rebels issued a few months ago a set of five stamps, 1c, 2c, 3c, 5c and 10c. These were issued first in Sonora, a state on the U. S. border. The first one to bring the stamps to public notice, though it was at least two months after they were first used, was Anthong Comstock, the Purity League campaigner. The set was offered as low as 25c per set, but it is now quoted at \$1.00 or thereabouts.

Sonoro has now issued a new set, commonly known as Tamaulipas, because first issued in that state. Consists of an eagle with wings spread and inscription in Spanish reading "Army of the Constitutionals." The stamps have a "talon" or coupon which is retained by the postmaster to keep his accounts. Teh set consists of 1c green, 2c violet, 5c brown, 10c red-brown, 20c lark green, 50c blue and \$5.00 red.

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES.

By Oscar T. Hartmann.

Gradually the high German values up to 50m are becoming quite common. The stock exchange has stamps up to 1000m which means a business transaction of 1 million m., whenever a 1000m revenue is used. The 1000m, I believe, is used only in Berlin, the capital.

Nearly all European countries have some new design in many of their issues and it is high time that the prominent French catalog makes its appearance, if it is desired to keep the well started fire a-going. Collectors like to know about issues and a new catalog every three or four years is not too often, even if we have to wait several years for used revenues to come into the market.

Every hobby is helped by a catalog and when priced, still better. Let their prices be faulty, still it is better than nothing. Any catalog for precancels, German or Gt. Britain railway stamps, locals, etc., is welcomed. So the new Revenue catalog, had better hurry.

Seen Chicago permit No. 1094, N. Y. City 1011; Orange, N. J., 10; Detroit 131, and Kalamazoo 5. Precancell organs 1c ordinary.

In an auction sale of 1895 a block of 30c orange was sold. Think of it, 56 in one block cancelled and used on one cover, postmarked San Francisco, with a neat ring cancellation. I wonder if that block is still in existence or been broken up. Here we come to a question—What is really the value for pairs, strips, blocks of 4, 6, 9 or more? Pairs are common as a rule. Strips of 3 not much better. We must of course, except old issues, high values or errors. In block of 4 even the common used are not picked up every day. Late issues are always easier to get new than used. Anybody who is so inclined, can buy a block of 4 at the postoffice, but used is another matter, except if he is foolish enough to buy them and then mail them to himself.

Some of the pictorial war envelopes of the Civil War have quite an interest of their own and show the intense feeling of those days. The used copies, especially those sent by soldiers, are in my opinion, of great interest. They have outside the date postmark, always the 3c due postmark. Soldiers' letters were forwarded from the front without stamps. The Confederate are more scarce. Some of the flags show 7, 10 or 11 stars in them.

Colonial and Continental Paper Money, taken out of A. M. Smith's book on U. S. money: Massachusetts, during the King William's War in 1791, issued bills of credit to pay the troops. Connecticut, N. Y. and New Jersey followed soon. Vermont was the only state which redeemed this kind of paper money in full. Congress issued bills of Credit in June 1775 and in 1780 already over 200 million of these bills of credit were in circulation, with the result that they depreciated very rapidly, with the result that in 1780 \$60 in paper money was only worth \$1 in coin, and at the end of 1780 almost ceased to circulate. This

unheard-of depreciation was principally caused by its too large issue and a doubt of the states to make good, and which they did not. That is the reason that you can buy many of these at that time for 50c in a very nice condition. How much suffering this depreciation of 375 millions of promise to pay, must have caused.

THE WISCONSIN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Mr. G. A. Chandler of Madison, Wis., writes:

The state philatelic organization is the logical society for most collectors to join; it is essentially the society for the "middle," "small," and beginning collectors, but the "big" and advanced collectors will find manifold advantages, too. In the first place the state society is small enough so that all the members come to know each other fairly well. The dues are usually only a nominal sum; every serious collector can spare fifty cents to pay for the advantages given by a state society. The control of the affairs of the society is not in the hands of wealthy advanced collectors who live thousands of miles away; it is controlled by your peers right within the borders of your own state. The collector in the town of a thousand stands an equal chance with the collector in the city of a hundred thousand to become President of the society. The sales and exchange departments are within reach of all; the books are not filled with trash or with very high-priced blocks and shades, but with good stamps of the classes which lend themselves to general and mildly specialized collections. The beginners and the young collectors can obtain advice and sound opinions upon the puzzles of stamp-collecting from the older and more advanced collectors; the advanced collectors often uncover new material hidden away in the attics of the residents in the towns where the beginners live. Especially is this true of old U. S. covers, precancels, postmarks and the like. The state society usually has a Library, the books and publications of which are freely loaned to members.

Of course, the ideal philatelic organization is the purely local one, provided the membership is sufficient. In this case the members can all attend the meetings in person and derive considerable real benefit from them. Some state societies have a system whereby five or more members living in the same locality can form a branch society and hold meetings the same as any local club.

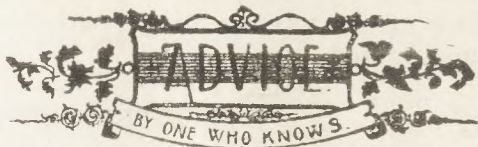
The Washington State Philatelic Society is perhaps the best known of state organizations in the west, but collectors in the Dakotas, Iowa and Minnesota must remember that these states also have stamp societies. The western society nearest comparable to the W. S. P. S. is, however, the one which is in existence and is growing in the Badger State. Wisconsin collectors who are over fifteen years of age and can furnish satisfactory reference are welcome to membership in the society. Join even if you are a member of some other stamp organization; see what the W. P. S. can do for you. Address of Secretary is 224 North Murray Street, Madison.

There are hundreds of stamp collectors in Brooklyn, N. Y., and George W. Gabriel of 341 Lenox Road, Flatbush, is going to get them together in an organization. He would be glad to hear from collectors. When he secures sufficient names a call for a meeting will be issued.

DEPARTMENT OF INQUIRY.

Questions relative to stamps will be answered in this column free of charge to subscribers. All questions must be sent to the address below and a 2c stamp must accompany each letter containing questions. When stamps are sent for examination return postage must be included besides the fee above provided for.

L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis., U.S.A., B37.



O. Fountain Pen. Mr. H. F. Post, one of The WEST'S advertisers, has just sent me a fountain pen, one of those "Dependable" ones, and would like to know how I like it. It was done on the instigation of Mr. Brodstone, that the pen was sent me. I like that. And I like the pen, too. It seems tiptop, and if it continues to give the satisfaction it is now giving, I can recommend it to all readers of The WEST, as the best I have ever tried. Has anybody else anything he wants me to try?

976. What is the nature of the follownig stamp? Blue on white paper, perforated 12, $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{7}{8}$ inches, value $\frac{1}{4}$ cent in lefa uper corner and "Spm Medellin" and what seems to be newspaper boy in right lower corner, separat- ed by a stalk of Indian corn with three ears and part of a fourth ear. Below the right lower corner there is the inscription of the printer "Lit J L Arango Med." Is it a postage, express, charity, trade or propaganda stamp, or what?

977. Can you tell all about Post Marks and how to collect them? No, I cannot. That would be too much, and do not know all, either. I can tell you something about them, though. You know what they are, not the date stamps only, but any kind of mark that is put on pieces of mail matter in transit, as date stamps, cancellations, receipt stamps, registry marks, general delivery stamps, etc., etc. I should estimate the whole number used in the U. S. at the present time at about one quarter of a million. There are, in round num- bers, 60,000 post offices, and many of them have two or more, some probably as many as 25 in use. So, there is a great big field for action. Hundreds, per- haps thousands can be had for the asking. Others can be procured by ex- change. They make the collector acquainted, somewhat at least, with the working of our mails and with the many big and small places in the different states. Do not cut them too small. Take a piece of card board, cut it 2x4 inches, or just a trifle larger, with square corners, lay this over the postmark and with a pair of scissors trim the edges of the paper that protrude. Thus you can get them all of the same size and with straight edges and square cor- ners. Then assort them first according to states, then those of each state ac- cording to the cities or post offices, and finally those of each office according to the types and the types according to varieties. You may put them into an al- bum, but I should hardly advise that, at least not until you have made a good deal of progress. I think it is better to keep them in envelopes on which the character of the contents can be marked, and the envelopes in paper boxes. For Wisconsin I have 24 such envelopes, one for offices beginning with A, the next for offices beginning with B, and so forth through the alphabet, Q, X and Z excepted. But there is an extra envelope for postmarks from Milwaukee, the metropolis. For other states the same arrangement can be made after 100 or more P. M.'s of that state have accumulated. The contents of each envelope

are again arranged according to the alphabet, and under each letter the different types and varieties are kept in some order or rotation. If there is anything else you wish to know, ask about it, and if I cannot answer it myself, I shall lay the question before the readers of The WEST who will most likely supply the information.

978. How can one find Watermarks? There are several ways. If one fails, the other may reveal the watermark. The simplest, though not always satisfactory, is the holding of the paper or stamp examined between your eyes and some source of light, when the watermark will be seen lighter than the body of the paper. In some instances the watermark will be clearly revealed, appearing darker than the body of the paper, if you hold at various angles to the sources of light and at various angles to your eyes over some dark background. Insertion of the paper in water, alcohol or benzine makes the watermark come out more clearly. Benzine seems to be the best. A few drops will suffice. Apply the liquid while the stamp lies on a black surface. Special benzine cups are sold for this purpose, but a piece of black oil cloth, or any other black surface will do. Beware of fire!

979. Why are the stamps of Cuba and Newfoundland, 1899 to 1910 sold Unused at Face Value? I am not aware that such is a fact, at least not generally. If it does happen in certain cases, it may have any one of several possible reasons. Some one may have overloaded with a stock of these, or any other stamps, and sells at a loss to get back part of his money. Or some one may have acquired stamps by robbery or theft and is selling them for any price that he can get. There may have been "remainders" in private hands, or in the government stock, though I have not heard that such was the case lately in either country. Perhaps one of our readers can tell us more about this.

980. Why are the Stamps of Mexico, Issue of 1910, so high in price? I am not in possession of particulars, but from the nature of the issue, it being commemorative and somewhat fancy, I should draw the conclusion that the high price is due to a limited output and speculation, possibly also to the political disturbances of the country at the present time. I should thank any of our readers for particulars.

981. Mr. G. B. Grimes of Havre de Grace, Md., desires to know how it happened that two engraver's marks or imprints may be found on some of the U. S. Tax Paid stamps, to wit, "National Bank Note Co." at the bottom and "Engraved and printed by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving" in the center of the stamp. I have not noticed this feature in any tax paid that I have examined and have no information concerning it. I should presume though that it is the result of change in contract and the consequent working of both concerns on the same plate or plates. I should like to know more about it, particularly on what tax paid it is to be found. Who can tell? I may add that Mr. Grimes desires to buy common U. S. stamps in quantity and invites correspondence in regard to the matter.

982. How can the Same Cash Paid Permit Number be used by Several Firms from the Same Place? This is, in fact, never done. It may have the appearance, if the same agent of several firms does the mailing. Thus, if I am not mistaken, a printer in Federalsburg, Maryland, prints and mails from his printery the stamp auction catalogs of several stamp firms whose names appear on the envelopes, but these firms do not use the permit, it is the printer who uses his permit in mailing their catalogs for them.



NEW ISSUES COLUMN

By W. S. Lincoln

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(Continued from last issue.)

Bechuanaland Protectorate. 1d, red, unused.

British Guiana:—2 cents, red; 6c grey & black; 12c orange and lilac.

British Honduras:—1 cent, green; 2c, red; 5c, blue; 10c purple & sage; 25c, black on green; 50c purple & blue on blue; \$1, black & red; \$2 green & purple.

British Solomon Islands:—½ Penny, green; 1d red; 3d purple on yellow; 11d, purple & red.

Canada:—1 cent, green; 2c, red; 2c aniline red; 5c indigo; 5c, blue; 5c bright ultramarine; 7c olive; 10c brown purple; 20c brown sage; 50c black brown

Cayman Islands:—¼ penny, brown; ½d, green; 1d, red; 2d, grey; 4d, bk. & red on yellow; 6d lilac & mauve; 2s purple & blue on blue; 3s green and purple

Ceylon:—2 cents, orange; 3c, green; 5c, magenta; 6c, red; 10c, sage; 15c, blue; 25c, orange & blue; 30c, green & purple; 50c, black & red; 1R., purple on yellow; 2R blk. & red on yellow; 5R. black on green; 10R purple & blk, on red.

Chamba—3 pies grey; ½ anna, green; 1a rosine; 2a, lilac; 3a, orange; 4a, olive; 6a, bistre; 8a, lilac; 12a, plum. Surcharged "Service."—3 pies, grey; ½ anna, green; 1 anna, rosine; 8 anna, lilac.

Cyprus:—10 paras, orange & sage; 30 paras, lilac & green; ½ piastre, green & rose; 1 piastre, rose & blue; 2 piastre, blue & purple; 4 sage & maroon; 6 brown & green; 12 brown & black.

East Africa & Uganda:—1 cent, black; 3 cent, green; 6c, red; 10c, orange; 12c, grey; 15c, blue; 25c, red & black on yellow; 50c, purple & black; 75c, black on green; 1 rupee, blk. on green; 2R black & red on blue; 3 grn. & lilac; 4, grn. & red on yellow; 5, lilac & blue; 10, green & red on green; 20, purple & blk. on red; 50, red & green.

Falkland Islands:—½ penny, green; 1p, red; 2p, purple; 2½p, blue; 6, orange; 1s, brown; 3s, green; 5s, lake.

Fiji:—½ penny, green; 1 penny, red; 1s, black on green; 5s, grn. & red on yellow.

Cambodia, 1913:—½ penny, green; 1, red; 1½, drab & green; 2, grey; 2½, blue; 3, purple on yellow; 4, black & red on yellow; 5, orange & mauve; 6, blue & mauve; 7½, brown & blue; 10, green & red; 1s, black on green; 1-6, violet & green; 2s, purple & blue on blue; 2-6 black & red on blue; 3s, yellow & green.

Gibraltar:—½ penny, green; 1 penny, red; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny, blue; 6 penny lilac & purple; 1s. black on green; 2s, purple & blue on blue; 4s, black & red; 8s, purple & green; 20s, purple & blk. on red.

Gilbert & Ellice Islands:—½ penny, green; 1 penny, red; 4, blk. & red on yellow; 5, lilac & olive; 6, lilac & purple; 1s, black on green; 2s, purple & blue on blue; 2-6 black & red on blue; 5s, green & red on yellow.

Gold Coast:—½ penny, green; 1 penny, red; 2 penny, grey; 2½ penny, blue; 3, purple on yellow (surface coloured); 6d lilac & purple; 10s, grn. & red on grn.

(To Be Continued.)

CUBAN STAMP NOTES.

New Postage and Telegraph Stamp of Cuba. President Menocal witnessed the Printing of the First Stamps of the New Issue. A Visit to "La Moderna Poesia."

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 21st, 1914.

This afternoon was officially inaugurated the new building where the Cuban postage and telegraph stamps, and also revenue stamps, will hereafter be printed. It costs about fifteen per cent less to print the stamps here than when they were printed in the United States.

"La Moderna Poesia" has established a printing department for stamps, and in charge of it, is Mr. George P. Foster, who is an expert, and has been employed for many years at the Government Printing Bureau at Washington.

The stamps are printed from steel engraved plates, engraved in the United States, which certainly are works of art.

The stamps were designed by Mr. Henares, a professor at the Academy of Arts of this city.

The paper used, is also imported from the States. The stamps are printed in sheets of four-hundred, then perforated in half, then again in other two halves, making the 100 stamps sheets or the "Post-Office" sheets.

The ink used is of an especial preparation in an especial department of "La Moderna Poesia," which is in charge of Mr. Burns Morgan, who has also been employed at the Government Bureau at Washington.

The colors which will be used in the stamps are the same as those for the current issue, with the exception of the 10c, 50c and the Special Delivery, which will be issued in different colors, the colors of the stamps will be as follows, and the following number will be issued:

1c green, 17,000,000 stamps will be issued; 2c red, 30,000,000 stamps; 3c purple, 500,000 stamps; 5c blue, 3,500,00 stamps; 8c olive green, 500,000 stamps; 10c sepia, 1,000,000 stamps; 50c deep orange, 100,000 stamps; \$1.00 black, 50,000 stamps; Special Delivery, ultramarine, 500,000 stamps; 60,000 books containing 12 two-cent stamps; 20,000 books containing 24 two-cent stamps.

P. S.—The Publisher of the WEST has just received the 1c stamp, which shows a map of Cuba. It was placed on sale February 24th.

The new stamps will be placed on sale about the first days of the coming month.—Clipping from Cuba Paper, translated by J. T. Perdomo.

A POINTER FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

The post office officials of Chile have adopted the unique scheme of combining the postmark with a printed inscription containing advice to letter writers as to the importance of giving the address in full, in order to obviate the risk of non-delivery of the letter. Just beside the regulation round postmark with name of town, date, etc., the following wording (in Spanish) is given in large open type, which falling partly on the stamp, acts as the cancellation:

"Important!! In replying, do not fail to indicate my residence, street and number, or my P. O. Box. It is important!!"

New Postmarks:—An official letter received recently in Washington from the Scotch Board of Education, bore a round postmark on the stamp, with the words "Official Paid," and the name of the town and date.



Papers desiring an impartial review on the lines of those below are requested to send a copy of each issue to the address below:

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Geo. A. Chandler, 2021 Monroe St., Madison, Wis., U. S. A.

British Colonial stamps are the favorites of many stamp collectors. Even in France they occupy a front seat, as is testified to by the publication of the second edition of the "Catalogue des Timbres-Poste des Colonies Anglaises et de la Grande Bretagne" by Jean Planus, 6 Rue Rochambeau, Paris (IX). It is a good sized book of 187 pages, well printed and illustrated. The prices quoted compare well with the prices of other catalogues, and it is highly probable that many a good stamp can be picked up in France that is hard to procure elsewhere. The publisher invites correspondence in English and German. Catalogs of other countries are promised to follow.

Mr. Edw. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas, has just published a philatelic Address Book of 160 pages. In it he enumerates 28 phil. periodicals published in the English language in the U. S., 21 published in Great Britain and Colonies, 18 German, 8 French, 5 Spanish, 2 Dutch, 3 Scandinavian and 1 each Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese and Esperanto. In most cases the address and subscription price is given. There is also a directory of philatelic societies the world over. Mr. Heusinger complains that some periodicals and some societies purposely withheld particulars of information, preferring "keeping our customers, when possible, to ourselves." The sooner those customers find out that policy, the better for them! Dealers, publishers and society officers with such a spirit are too apt to exploit the customers "they keep to themselves" in an undue manner. Is it possible that among them the counterfeiter Fournier finds his boasted clientele? The Address Book might do them a lot of good! (See also paragraph in Editorial Corner last WEST.)

Albania having been raised to the dignity of an independent kingdom will need and issue its own postage stamps. Kohl's Mitteilungen No. 37 treats this subject with numerous illustrations of what has already appeared. In the first place there are Turkish stamps surcharged double eagle and "Albanie" and "Shoipenia." Then there are also some envelopes overprinted with two kind of official seals. One has the inscription "Ministeriale Post-Telegr-Tefonevet" (Double eagle on shield in center). The other has "Postat e Oeverries se Perkoheshme" and "te Shoipenies." They will never be common, neither will they be as rare as some of our U. S. Postmaster stamps. A regular issue has been ordered from Italy.—Der Philatelist (Dresden) chronicles five values, 10 and 20 para, 1, 2, and 5 grosh, with the inscription "Postatee etc." The value is added by a separate printing and an impression of a double eagle, in black, by a third.

We have just been favored with a review copy of Bright & Sons "A B C" Catalog, Part I., Adhesives, Tenth Edition, 2s-6d, net. This catalog is not new to the readers of The WEST, it having been mentioned in our columns many a time. The Tenth Edition is much in keeping with the former ones, but is brought down (or up?) to date, i. e., to the beginning of the year 1914, illus-

trating all U. S. stamps, even the parcel post and parcel post due stamps. England has long been marked for excellent illustrations, and the ones in our copy of this catalog are, if possible, even a trifle better than those in former editions. The U. S. parcel post due stamps are priced unused, but not used. The unused price is 2, 4, 8, 16 and 33 cents respectively for the five denominations, which nearly agrees with prices asked in this country, though we are inclined to think these too low. There are many other instances where Bright's prices are a little lower than we find them elsewhere. We have no hesitation in recommending the book as a valuable addition to any philatelic library—Part II., which treats Postcards, Envelopes and Wrappers is particularly recommendable to collectors of entires. As soon as we get that we shall probably have more to say about it.—Messrs. Bright & Son's address is 164 Strand, London, W. C., England.

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News of Boston, Mass., now in its 28th volume, is one of the best known and popular philatelic papers of the world. We have often quoted it in the past and now find occasion to quote it again. In No. 4 of Jan. 24th, that indefatigable student of U. S. stamps, Dr. Carroll Chase, gives a list of Railroad Cancellations prior to 1861 that he has found. It is a list of more than 50 numbers, and some of them are stated as found in two colors, red, blue or brown and black. Students of post marks will do well to study this list and the doctor's notes accompanying it. They may thus learn what can be done with post marks, if one has the necessary material and ability. In No. 5 of an. 31st, Mr. C. A. Wowes, another noted philatelic author, answers the questions, "What the New Collector should Know," and Mr. H. L. Wiley begins a copyrighted article on "The Parcel Post Series of the U. S. Postage Stamps." Both articles are well worth reading, and we would like to advise our readers, if they can, to get these No.'s (also No. 6, etc.) and read them.

Mr. A. H. Pike of Buffalo, N. Y., seems to be quite busy about postmarks. In the January No. of the Collectors' Monthly he has an article in which he speaks of how one may increase one's P. M. collection and incidentally states what he considers the market value of P. M.'s agreeing with us that 5c per hundred is about the right price for a miscellaneous lot containing duplicates and blurred marks, or marks cut out too small, while better lots may be worth 20c or even 50c per hundred.

It is remarkable how many of the 5 and 10c U. S. stamps of 1847 have lately been offered for sale. While formerly one auction sale would hardly contain more than 2 or 3 copies of each value, now since the price of the 5c has gone up to \$1.75, we find as many as 6 or more, up to 10 or 12 copies in one sale, and the 5c seems to be tearing along the 10c, though this has stood at \$5.00 for years. The George W. Linn Co. of Columbus, Ohio, had an auction sale on Feb. 3, Nos. 2 to 49 of which were all 5c and 10's of 1847, including several pairs, original covers with unusual cancellations, and the like. It would be interesting to know what each number brought.

Mr. M. Ohlman, 75-77 Nassau Str., New York, has favored us with a copy of his Philatelic Advertiser, which is really a price list of stamps and packets. The prices look very tempting.

We notice that U. S. plate numbers are receiving a little more attention now than they did a while ago. Mekeel's Weekly, the Philatelic Gazette and Everybody's Phil. mention them frequently.



Dear Sir,
We have
the honor
to acknowledge
the receipt
of your letter
of the 1st inst.

Dear Sir We
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our house,
and you
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Yours,
J. S. 10/06

ACROSS THE POND

M. STANLEY



AUSTRALIAN RANDOM SHOTS.—By "Queenslander."

Average Sales of Commonwealth Stamps.—The average yearly sales of Commonwealth postage stamps comprise 400,000,000 penny stamps, 9,000,000 2d stamps, 6,000,000 three-penny stamps, 5,000,000 six-penny stamps, 6,000,000 shilling stamps and 500,000 two shilling stamps. From the above figures the comparative rarity of the present Kangaroo stamp can be gauged, they having been in use for 10 months.

The Ex-Postmaster General is said to have become an ardent philatelist during his term of office, and the present Postmaster General (Hon. Agar Wynne) is also reported to be a philatelist, and some of his political opponents ascribe the changing of the present design to this fact.

What is the fascination attached to stamp-collecting? Can any philatelist answer the question with any degree of satisfaction either to himself or a querist? During the many years that I have been connected with the hobby both as a collector and writer this pertinent question has been put to me by scores of people who have looked upon the hobby as one worthy only of a crank, and the man indulging in it as a fit subject for a mental hospital. That the hobby does possess a very strong fascination, is admitted by every philatelist, but to explain just wherein lay the fascination is another question. Suffice to say the fascination for the hobby is not confined to any particular class of the community, but affects all nations, classes and sexes. The very highest in the land, including more than one crowned head, the devotees to our hobby, but who can say that they gain more pleasure from the possession of valuable collections, than do the humble possessors of the collection contained in the pages of a penny exercise book. At present the followers of the hobby in Australia are comparatively few, but the new Commonwealth stamps, although they may possibly not be received with any great favor by established philatelists, will undoubtedly give a great impetus to the hobby, and be the means of enlisting many recruits into the ranks of Australian philatelists, where there is ample room for them. Advance, Australia.

New Penny Stamps.—The long promised and eagerly looked for King's head design stamps have at last appeared, and have been received by the gen-

eral public with unanimous approval, a strong contrast to the "howl" of disapproval which greeted the appearance of the much discussed Kangaroo stamps just a year ago. The new issue has already made itself felt in the philatelic market and the dealers who have been offering the Kangaroo stamps for sale in their lists, are now sending out lists with all quotations for these stamps marked "cancelled". There appears to be every likelihood of a great scarcity of the Kangaroo design in Australia as buying prices have gone up considerably and there is not the slightest difficulty in placing any quantity that comes on the market. I know Australian dealers who are already buying their stocks of these stamps from European dealers at a lower figure than is ruling here "on the spot"! And this being so, the puzzle is where do the European dealers secure their stock to enable them to resell to Australian dealers at a lower figure. Of course in the case of old and obsolete stamps the whole thing can be easily traced to the law of supply and demand, but in the case of stamps issued within the last year and still current, it is hard to understand. Possibly it is a case of "far off fields look green," and sellers have been sending their stamps to foreign dealers under the impression that they would receive a better return than by selling locally.

Commonwealth Government as a Stamp Dealer.—Following the example set some years ago by some of the states, the Commonwealth Postmaster General has now entered into business as a stamp dealer and notifies through the columns of the daily press that arrangements have been made for sale to the public of complete sets of postage stamps issued by the Commonwealth, comprising the 15 denominations of the Kangaroo design and one of the new issue King's head one penny, at 10c per set. The 5s stamps and those of less value will be postmarked, while those of higher value will be marked with the word "specimen." The sets are only obtainable at the General Post Offices in the various state capitals. The only redeeming feature about the whole business is the fact that the stamps of a higher value than 5s will be marked "specimen" instead of being lightly postmarked. This action of the Postmaster General is sure to rouse the usual storm of protests from the various philatelic clubs and other bodies, but such protests will only serve the purpose of further advertising the wares of the new dealer, and possibly some of those collectors who howl the loudest will be among the first to purchase sets of the "postmarked to order" stamps, especially as the price asked is much below that asked by the regular dealers for legitimately postally used copies of the Kangaroo stamps.

S. V. Pfeuffer of New Braunfels, Texas, writes: "I noticed in the January number of your valuable magazine under the heading, 'U. S. delivers a letter bearing Carranza stamp,' that a letter was carried by the U. S. to San Antonio, having been mailed at Hermosillo, Mexico. As I understand, letters with Constitutionalista stamps were passed through to destination at all times, as I have been able to pick up several letters from Mexico with Carranza stamps among the Mexicans here. The first issue is 1c green, 2c blue, 5c brown, 10c violet brown, all rouletted. Some of these stamps have labels attached, like the Belgium issue. I now have the new issue, entirely different design; 1c blue, 2c light green, 5c dark green, 10c red, all unperforated."

PHILATELY IN EUROPE.

Exclusive Correspondence of "Philatelic West & Collectors World."

Last year was a busy one among stamp collectors, because very many countries made new issues. Philatelists are critical folk, but Great Britain has apparently retrieved her tarnished reputation with the new "high values" that saw the light last year. They ranged from two shillings and sixpence to one pound and are declared to be a great improvement on all recent stamps of this country. Though most customers of the Post Office may not have noticed it, the ordinary twopenny and threepenny stamps have been undergoing many slight changes in color recently.

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Stamps are history books in miniature. They record all sorts of national events from earthquakes to big exhibitions. There were some particularly interesting philatelic "echoes" of the Balkan War. Greece overprinted her stamps for use in the territories occupied in her advance. Bulgaria "sur-charged" some to commemorate her victories, while Turkey issued a view of Adrianople to record the recapture of that town from the Bulgarians.

Tibet's first stamp displays a wierd representation of a lion—apparently experiencing excruciating agony. Holland has celebrated the centenary of her independence by issuing stamps bearing portraits of her various rulers. Portrait stamps are most popular, but there have not been wanting some pretty pictures. The Republic of China's new permanent set is particularly charming. or the low values she has a junk on the Yellow River. The medium show a reaper with a pagoda in the distance, while the high values are distinguished by a temple in Peking. Some artistic French colonials have also appeared.

What was the prettiest stamp issued in 1913? An eminent philatelist plumped for the Zanzibar "high value" design. It is a beautifully executed picture of a native outrigger canoe, and has been extraordinarily well engraved.

And the ugliest? Honduras enjoys that unenviable distinction for two hideous stamps poorly colored to represent the portrait of somebody whose identity has not yet been discovered.

The Postmaster-General of the Australian Commonwealth posted at the beginning of this year to his Majesty the King the first copies of the new Australian penny stamp bearing the Royal portrait. The best feature of the new stamp is the head, which closely resembles that of the so-called "Ideal" stamp produced experimentally at the last London International Philatelic Exhibition. But the rest of the design is very crowded; to the left of the portrait oval is a kangaroo and to the right an emu; the crown figures at the top, and in the upper spandrels are branches of wattle. Illustrated in last issue of WEST.

The stamps to hand are printed by the recess plate process but it is understood that this is only a temporary issue of which barely one day's supply has been printed. The Commonwealth uses over 400,000,000 of penny stamps in the year, and the edition of this stamp is variously announced as 1,000,000

or 1,200,000 (10,000 sheets of 120 each). In due course the stamp of this design, but printed by a cheaper (probably surface-printing) process, is to be re-issued for general circulation. The million has been allotted proportionately on a population basis between the various States and it is said also that to prevent a "corner" and the supply to any one person was to be limited to six stamps.

The new Australian King George one penny stamp being printed from recess plates has not been perforated by the usual "comb" perforating machine but by a single line machine of similar gauge (perforation 11). It is suggested that as there is another single-line perforation in use in Melbourne (gauging $10\frac{1}{2}$) this may have been used also, and collectors will do well to look out for possible varieties of perforation. At the same time it may be well to point out that small variations in the size of the stamps do not denote the use of different dies. For the recess-plate process of printing the paper is printed upon while wet, and the wetting expands the paper, which contracts on drying, and this contraction is variable.

The new Egyptian stamp issue ranges from one millieme to two hundred milliemes, and the intermediate values are two, three, four, five, ten, twenty, fifty, and one hundred milliemes. The colors in the foregoing order, are grey-brown and red; flul green, orange, pale red, crimson lake, blue, grass-green, mauve, and black-grey. This last, the hundred millieme, has for subject the Temple of Abu Simbel, showing what remains of a row of seated colossal male figures. The one milieme presents Gyassas sailing on a full wind; the two hundred millieme is the dam. Cleopatra is represented on the two millieme, with an extraordinary ancient headdress. The twenty millieme stamp represents the Pylon of Karnak; the fifty the Citadel at Cairo. The issue is printed by Thomas de la Rue and Company, of London.

A most surprising innovation has just been made by the Turkish postal authorities. Breaking away from all tradition they have just issued a set of seventeen stamps with views of historical places in the Ottoman Empire. From 1863, when the first Turkish stamps were issued, till 1913, only the crescent with the Royal cipher adorned Turkish postal labels. In 1913 a set was issued with a view of the Central Post Office in Constantinople, and three new stamps with views of Selim's Mosque to commemorate the retaking of Adrianople. The new set, however, goes much further, in that the portrait of the Sultan figures on the highest value, the 290 piasters. This has never before occurred in the history of Turkey. The new set consists of the following denominations:—2 paras, Obelisk of the Hippodrome; 4 paras, Broken Column of Constantinople; 5 paras, Leander's Tower; 6 paras, the Seven Towers; 10 paras, the Fararak; 20 paras, the Castle of Europe (Bosphorus); 1 piaster, Mosque of Sultan Ahmed; $1\frac{1}{2}$ piaster, Monument to the Martyrs of Liberty; $1\frac{3}{4}$ piaster; Bathing Fountains of Sulieman; 2 piasters, the Cruiser Hamidieh; $2\frac{1}{2}$ piasters, the Candile (Bosphorus); 5 piasters, the Ministry of War; 10 paisters, the Sweet Waters of Europe; 25 piasters, the Sulieman Mosque; 50 piasters, the Bosphorus; 100 piasters, Sultan Ahmed's Fountain; 200 piasters, the Sultan.

The last mentioned stamp is in green, with a black center showing off the Sultan's portrait most effectively. The whole series has been beautifully executed in a wealth of different colors by the London firm of Bradbury, Wilkinson and Company, Limited. The stamps are large in shape, giving them a most distinguished appearance quite different from the more recent stamps of the Turkish Empire.

THE BACK SWING IN PHILATELY.

The following is the substance of a talk given by Karl M. Sherman before the Boys' Brigade Stamp Society of Peekskill, N. Y.

Collectors of stamps back in the early days—the sixties and seventies—were, by the exact derivation of the word, more genuine 'philatelists' than we are today. 'Philos ateles' literally means lovers of bits of papyrus or paper, and such these early ones were, for their collections usually included revenues—even tax paid, shoe and other private license stamps, trade marks, monograms and even such odds as the caps from spools of cotton and balls of yarn. Envelope stamps neatly cut to shape (sometimes they would clip the perforations from adhesives) were quite common. That was the first stage of the philatelist and it is noticeable that the childhood of a race is similar to that of an individual—'kids' are apt to collect that way now.

There soon came a time, though, when it seemed necessary to condense. It was recognized that there were fully five hundred known varieties of postage stamps in the world, with the number constantly increasing, and some of them were worth as much as a dollar each—a lot of money for such nonsense. At that stage the collecting pendulum gave a great swing and landed high with everything ruled out except postage stamps and some even cutting the list down to adhesive postage stamps.

Stamp collecting, thus confined, began to be considered scientific and bore its Greek derived title somewhat proudly. Monograms, trade marks, private license stamps and tax paid were entirely ruled out and their collectors were considered at least childish, if not absolutely weak-minded. Regular issues of documentary and proprietary revenues, together with envelope stamps and postal cards, were recognized as allowable side lines—so, too, were match and medicine stamps—but not genuinely philatelic. As for the others, they and their collectors were beneath notice.

Under these close rules there were soon many who discovered that they would shortly have collections that would be complete so far as stampic knowledge then extended. Now, to constantly strive toward a receding goal is human nature. When we find our limit within reach we naturally extend it so that the pursuit may continue, for we find our pleasure in doing, not in having finished. So, with the field thus narrowed, there came a closer study of the few stamps recognized as legitimately collectible. The distinction between the 1851-60 (imperforate) and the 1857-60 (perforated) U. S. and (similar) 1841 and 1854 Great Britain was discovered. It was found that certain stamps had secret marks showing a change of engravers and that others had marks showing their positions on sheets. Then came specialists, men who confined themselves to a single country or a single issue—in some cases to a single stamp. Paper, ink, gum, method of printing, mode of separation, every minute detail was studied until in many cases the collectors of certain stamps knew more about them than did the officers who had charge of their issuance.

Following line after line, the close study started the back swing of the pendulum in philately. Specialists in the postage stamps of the United States, France, Canada, Mexico and other countries found that the fiscal issues of those countries had charms nearly if not quite as great as the postage. There grew up a deep interest in original covers. Stamped envelopes sprang to the front again. Once more stamps were stamps and the 'ateles' did not longer

need the prefix 'postage' to win its 'philos.'

Today the collector of tax paid or state revenues is recognized as of the cult. He may be listed as a side line specialist but he holds his own with the other specialist who plates some favorite stamp and frequently his collection will bring a better price in the open market than will the latter's.

And later day necessities have opened up entirely new lines. We have now specialists in and societies devoted to not only revenues, but precancelled stamps (postage and revenue), envelope stamps and original covers, and paid permits. It is hinted the Pure Food guarantee numbers are a fore-runner of a coming re-issuance of private revenues and they are finding their collectors. Post marks, a perfectly reasonable side line to postage stamps, are gaining new admirers. All these are truly philatelic, though they may not be stamp collecting.

THE PHILATELIC YEAR.

Under the heading of Notable New Stamp Issues the following interesting article appears in the Standard of England:—

"Last year was a busy one among stamp collectors, because very many countries made new issues. Philatelists are critical folk, but Great Britain has apparently retrieved her tarnished reputation with the new 'high values' that saw the light last year. They ranged from 2s 6d to £1, and are declared to be a great improvement on all recent stamps of this country. Though most customers of the Post Office may not have noticed it, the ordinary twopenny and threepenny stamps have been undergoing many slight changes in colour recently.

"A number of the Oversea Dominions have been supplied with new King George head stamps. The Rhodesian set, showing a portrait of the King in admiral's uniform, has been particularly successful. A large proportion of the Dominions have now received their new-reign stamps, but there are exceptions. Jamaica, for instance, is still struggling on with a 2s. stamp bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria. One set, at least, has met with instant disapproval. It is the Australian kangaroo series which has been withdrawn and replaced by a King's head set."

A London stamp dealer sends us the following little side-light on collectors and their peculiarities. He writes: "It is not always the gentlemen with the most money who are the best buyers. I have a customer, a butler, who frequently spends \$5 at a time; another, an independent gentleman, with \$4,000 a year, calls at my shop daily, and last year I kept an account of his expenditure during two months. Out of a total number of thirty-six visits, the amount he expended with me was 6c! This year I have kept an account of this same gentleman's purchases. For ten months to date he has paid me some 250 visits, an average visit looking over stock lasting 20 minutes, and has spent with me the grand total of \$3.00. Another gentleman with \$2,500.00 a year—with nothing to do and all day to do it in—has spent 18c so far this year." We believe these are by no means isolated instances.—Stamp Collecting.

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Australian collectors are planning to hold a philatelic congress and exhibition in Melbourne this year. Among the subjects to be discussed by the congress will be the establishing of a black list and an official organ. The encouragement of junior collecting will also be emphasized.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL AND OTHERWISE

For years philatelists have been trying to find a standard color chart. W. S. Lincoln has a fine one, we see by ads from English papers.

The 12½c of the Netherlands recent large design is said to come in two distinct shades, one verging on violet-blue and the other a dull gray-blue.

The late Mr. Harold Frederic once wrote: "There are many charitable and profitable diversions which working men find rest in, and I myself have tested and am interested in a number of them, but of them all there is none I would relinquish so unwillingly as the collecting of stamps." Sir Alfred East was understood to have been interested in the pursuit, and acclaimed a postage stamp as "an emblem of a great civilization and of the concord of nations."

New 40c postage, 30, 60 and 90c postage dues, and a complete series of Parcel Post stamps for Italy are chronicled by European papers. It is said that the 30, 60 and 90c labels headed "Servizio commissioni," although issued through the postoffice, are not postage stamps, but fiscals used in the payment of certain fees.

The Fiscals of Monaco, though very limited in number in the Catalogue, provide a most fascinating study; their range of shades and varieties is really extraordinary.

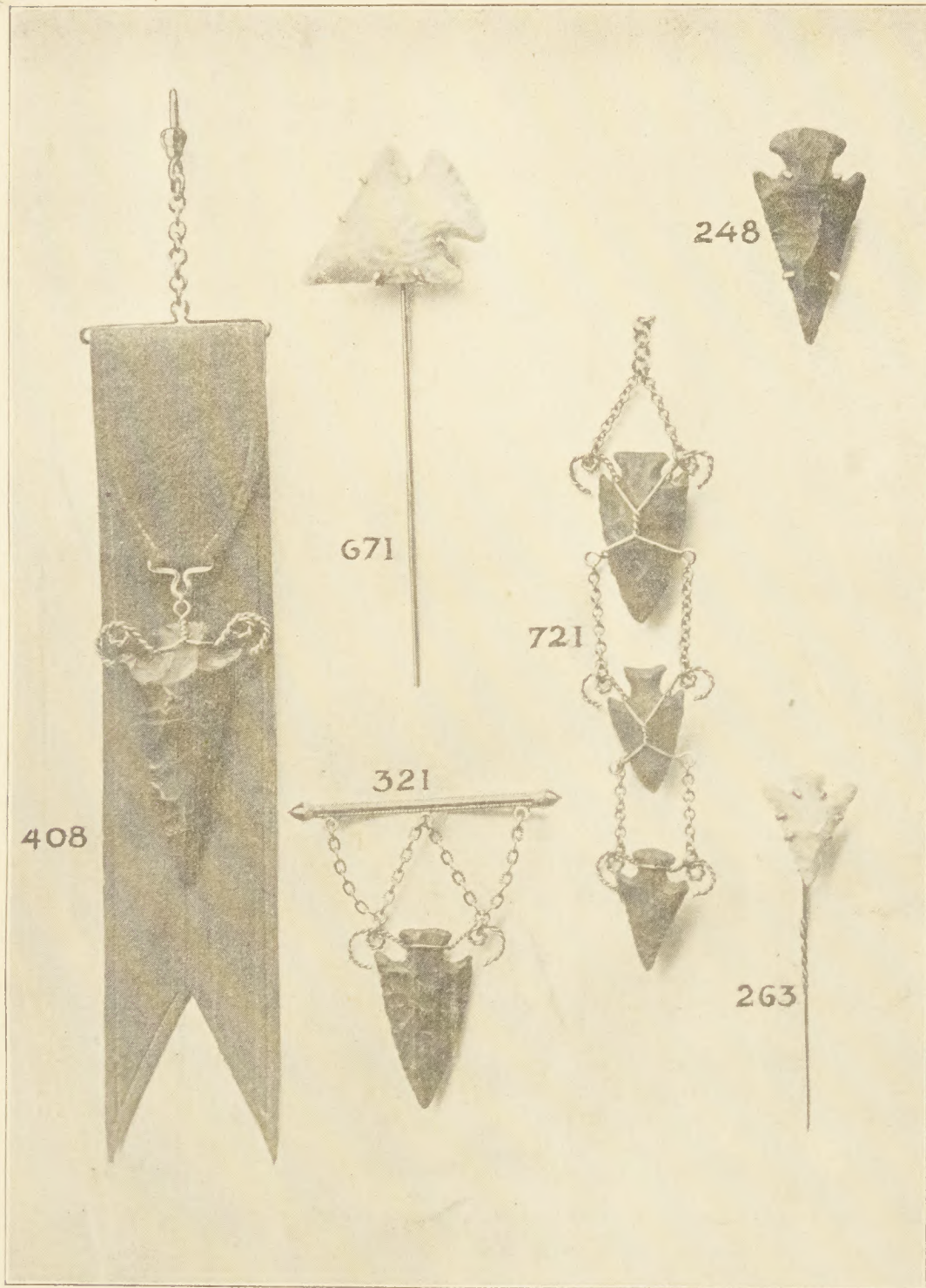
The P. J. of India says that if a collector had purchased sets of European stamps between 1840-1860 as they appeared, his total outlay would have been \$17.00, worth now \$10,000; on Roumanian 55c, worth today \$5.540; on British Colonials \$255.30, worth today \$28,808; of recent European (1902) face value \$1,230, catalogued \$3,102.

The latest information regarding the new values in the current series of United States stamps indicates that the new values and colors will be as follows: 7c black, Washington; 9c pink, Franklin; 12c maroon, Franklin; 20c light blue, Franklin; 30c vermilion, Franklin. This information is published as unofficial, and may be subject to change.

Many an old and historic stamp issuing country has ceased to issue special adhesives of its own; notable examples being afforded in the case of such countries as have been merged into the Union of South Africa and Commonwealth of Australia. The latest union, from the philatelic point of view, is Northern and Southern Nigeria. We learn that the new issue of stamps in preparation will contain the name "NIGERIA." and thus do away with the two separate series as heretofore.

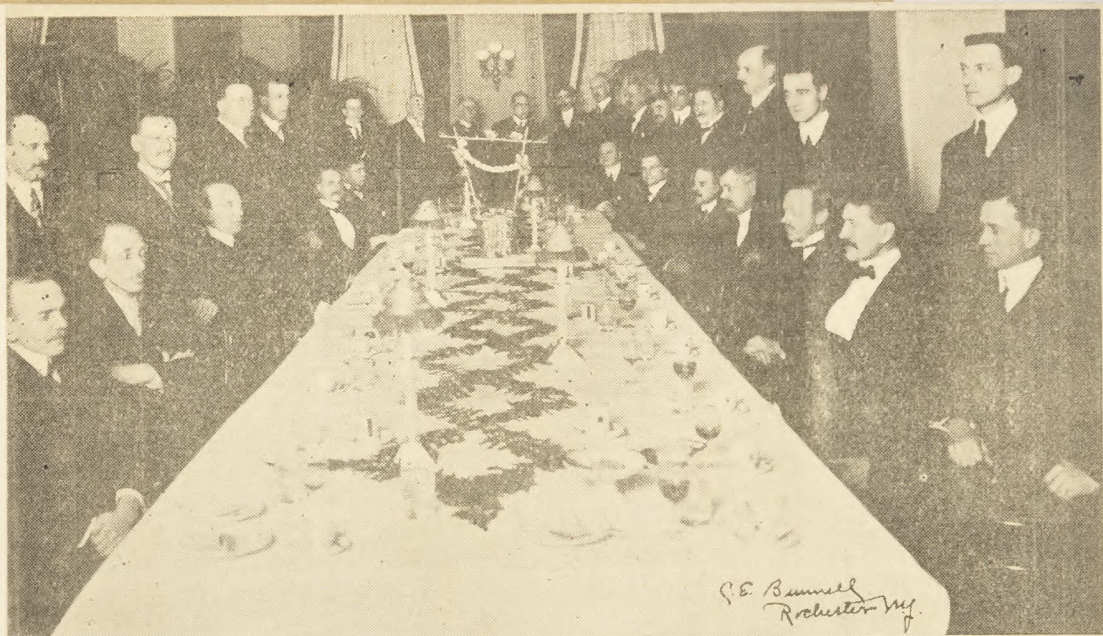
Regarding the Victoria Land stamps which Scott does not list, the New Zealand Stamp Journal states that the stamps constitute a perfectly legitimate postal issue, as they were available for franking letters to all parts of the world, and that "Specimen" copies were distributed through the Bureau of the U. P. U.

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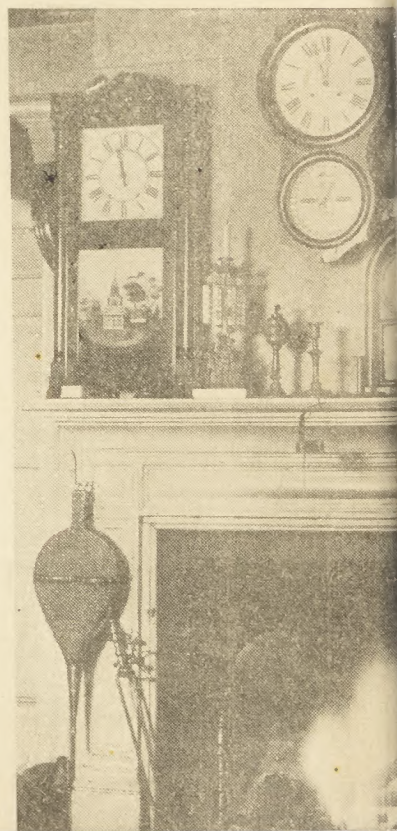
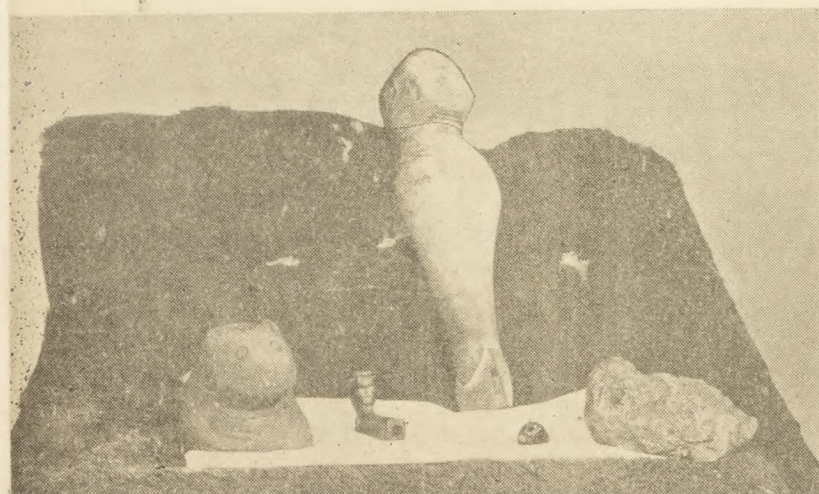




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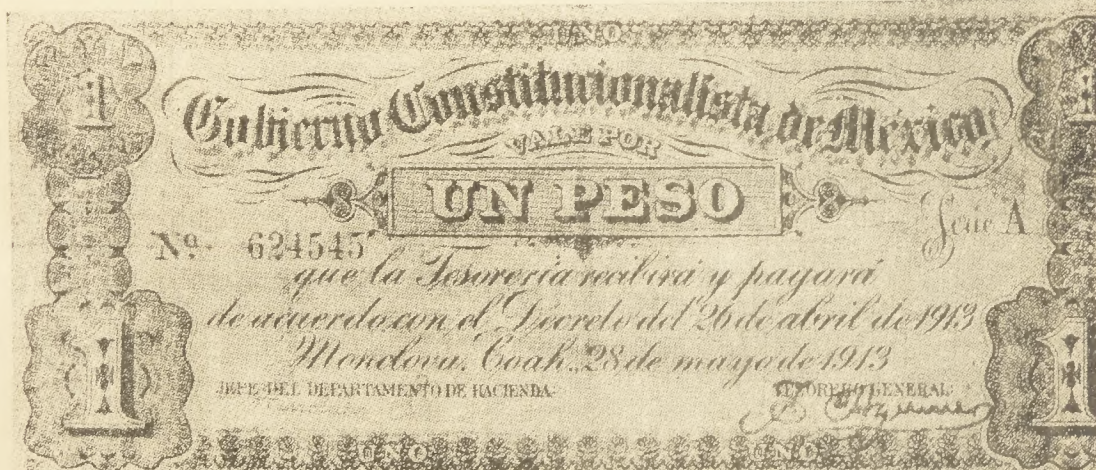




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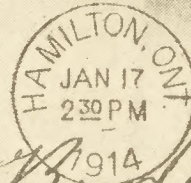
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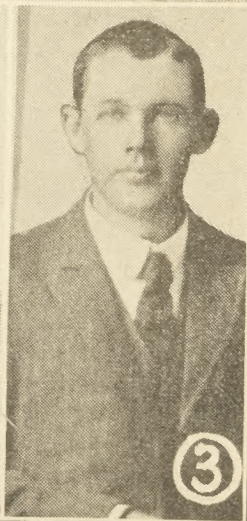
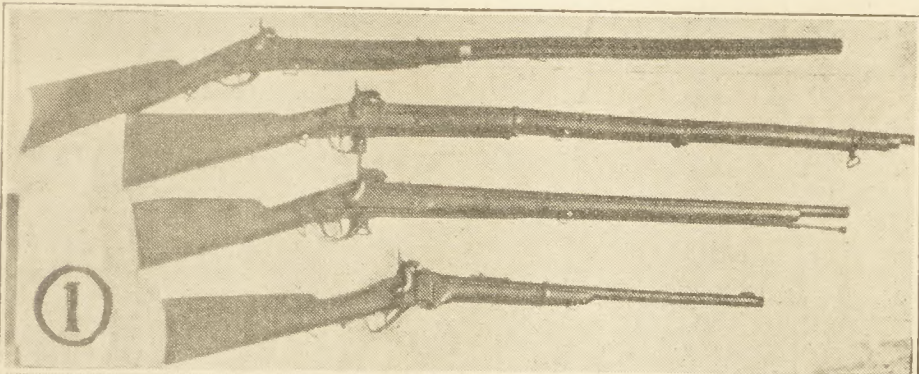


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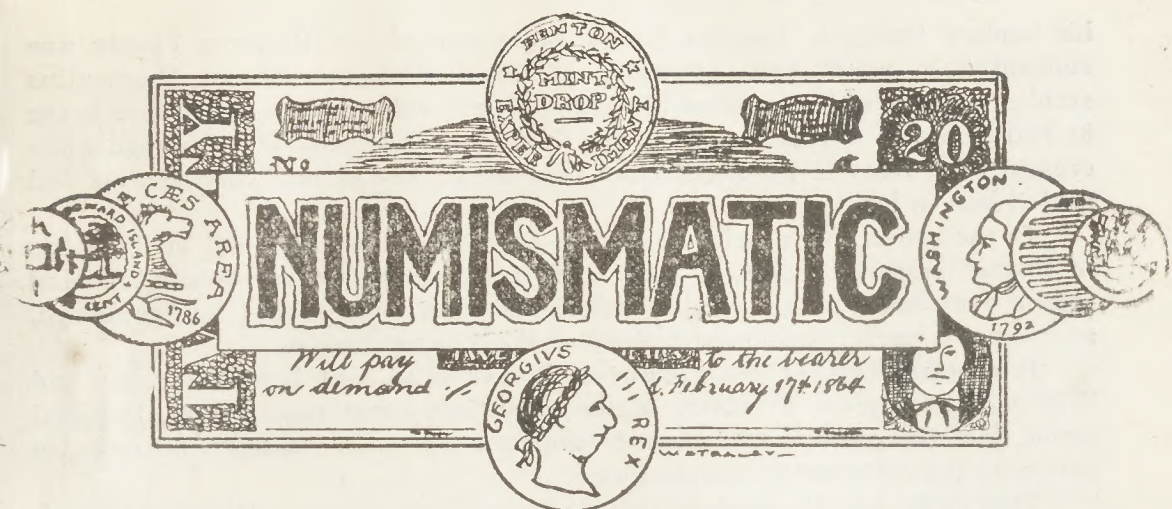
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ROMAN CAESARS, EMPERORS, EMPRESSES AND USURPERS WHO MET WITH UNNATURAL DEATHS.

In the guide to Roman Imperial Coins published by Edgar Lincoln, the dates are given in most cases of the births, marriages, deaths and principal historical events respecting the creation of Caesar's proclamation of Emperors and other rulers of Rome, enumerating 117 Caesars, Emperors, Empresses and Usurpers, and from this number there are no less than 77 of them who met with some untimely end as the following list shows:

The Emperor Drusus met his death by falling from his horse. Carus was killed by lightning. Cracius Pompeius, Clodius Albinus, Macrinus, Phillipus Senior, Philippus Junior, Trajanus Decius, Herennius Etruscus, Allectus, Constantine II, Julianus and Gratianus were slain in battle. Caligula, Galba, Pertinax, Elagabalus, Balbanus, Pupienus and the Empress Julia Soaemias were assassinated by Praetorian soldiers. Vitellius was murdered by soldiers of Vespasianus. Maximinus I, Maximus, Trebonianus Gallus, Gallienus, Postumus and Victorinus were murdered by the soldiers. Pompeius Magnus, Julius Caesar, Dometianus, Caracalla, Geta, Severus Alexander, Gordianus Pius, Volusianus, Aurelianus, Probus, Numerianus, Carinus, Constans, Valentianus II, and the Empresses Agrippina Junior, Julia Mamaea and Salonina were assassinated at the instigation of relatives or others in power or by some treachery or disloyalty. Sextus Pompeius, Pescennius Niger, Saloninus, Crispus and the Empresses Lucilla, Crispina, and Plantilla were put to death by order of those in power for some offense or political reason. Valeria Constantia-Gallus, and Magnus Maximus were beheaded by order of more powerful rulers. Quintillus and Severus II were bled to death. Claudius, Titus and the Empresses Antonia and Sabina were poisoned by relatives. Germanicus was poisoned by Piso, governor of Syria. Commodus was first poisoned, then strangled by a wrestler. Licinius Senior strangled by order of Constantine the Great. Maximianus Hercules and Decentius strangled themselves. Marcus Antonius, Nero and Otho, slew themselves owing to being defeated. Queen Cleopatra on the death of Mark Antony destroyed herself to avoid falling into hands of Augustus. The Empress Agrippina Senior died of hunger in exile and the Empress Julia Domna died of hunger or poisoned herself on hearing of the murder of her son Caracalla by his brother Geta. Tiberius was smothered by order of

his nephew Caligula. Licinius Junior was executed and Empress Fausta was suffocated in warm bath by order of Constantine the Great. Magnentius stabbed himself when defeated in battle. Valens was burnt to death in a house he had hidden in when defeated by the Goths and Maxentius was drowned while crossing the Tiber in his flight from Constantine the Great, who defeated and routed him in battle.

In the above only a brief list of the casualties are given, but in the guide to Roman Imperial Coins, a fuller and more comprehensive description and reason for condemnation of the various Emperors and others, are explained, and forms a useful condensed history of the Roman Empire.

It contains several illustrations of Roman coins with prices of some, and brief idea of degrees of rarity of the silver and brass coins of the Imperial series, and the preface has much information of an interesting and valuable nature to the collector of Roman Coins.

This guide can be obtained for 14c from Edgar Lincoln, 34 Retreat Road, Westcliff on Sea, England. See his ads.

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT.

L. A. Cardwell, Mesilla Park, N. M.

The historian, Benjamin F. Reed of Santa Fe is preparing for publication his valuable work on New Mexico history. It is a "Chronological Digest of Documentos Inditos del Archives de Los Indias." It begins with letters to Christopher Columbus in 1474 outlining plans for his voyage of discovery and makes a clean sweep of New Mexican history down to 1902.

We wish to here acknowledge clippings received from Mr. Andrew Archer. Mr. Archer is an enthusiastic student of Archaeology and a thorough Philatelist.

Professor Sylvanus G. Morley of the school of American Archaeology is preparing for a tour of exploration to the Maya cities of Honduras and Southern Mexico. He will also visit Quirigua, Guatemala, where the school has an excavation camp located.

Mr. E. D. Osborn of Deming is reported to have recently found on his ranch an ancient burying ground from which more than sixty bowls have been taken, together with a number of other relics of interest. The bowls when found were inverted over the face of the dead and all are either broken or perforated with a small hole in the bottom in order to "kill" it, that the vessel's spirit may be freed to accompany the deceased tribesman to his home beyond the grave.

The writer is indebted to Mr. Clay W. Vaden of Roff, Ok., for several copies of his paper, "The Eagle." Mr. Vaden is a young writer of considerable note. His articles and stories have appeared in some of our leading magazines.

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Geo. A. Chandler and P. H. Segnitz were elected to fill vacancies of the Board of Directors. We now have an active board and can promise members that there will be something doing all the time.

The exchange rules submitted by Mr. Warns have been pretty thoroughly discussed by all members of the Board and resubmitted to him for revision. Before these are promulgated we expect to get them in shape so they will be satisfactory to all members and when the exchange department is put in working order—which will be soon—every member in good standing will be eligible to participate and renewed interest in the society will be stimulated. Let me here again admonish delinquent members to put themselves in good standing and avoid being dropped from the roll.

Our Publicity Manager is outlining an active campaign and will soon bring our society prominently before the public. By this means we hope soon to reach localities where we are now unknown and before long to be receiving new members from all states and several foreign countries. New application blanks are now being printed (by one of our members, as we believe in helping those who help us) and members having prospective applicants in mind should ask for blanks and help to increase our number by boosting a good thing along. Copies of the constitution which is our charter and working rules, will soon be printed and distributed to all members.

Next number I hope to be able to give a revised list of all paid-up members

If any members have complaints of fraud, deception or other mistreatment or report, they should send same either to the Secretary or Publicity Manager who will investigate and report results for the protection of all concerned.

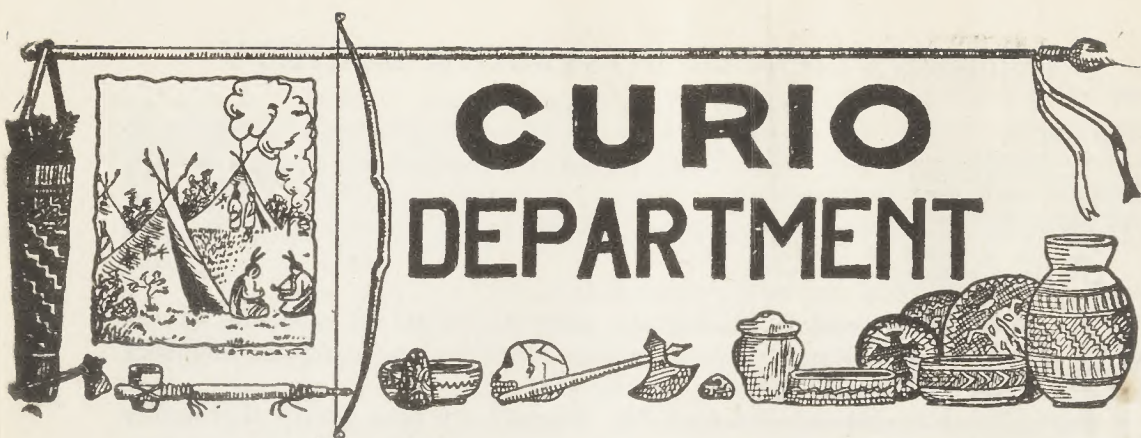
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Has anyone suggestions for a design or emblem for our society for use on stationery and official organ.

H. D. Conard.

PREHISTORIC RUINS IN SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA.

Since the recent discoveries of ancient habitations and graves in the eastern part of Richardson county, Nebraska, and the reports of the finds, as published in Omaha papers, persons living along the river front near Howe, Nebr., have made a careful search for like ruins. S. P. Hughes has just been notified of similar finds on the farm of James Shively near Nemaha, and C. L. Meek reports the finding of ruins on the Thomas Majors farm at Peru. Arrangements have been made to explore one or more of these ancient habitations soon. The Harvard university expedition, that spent some time in the county last August, failed to locate any of these ruins along the river bluffs, and the time was taken up examining ruins north of Howe. Prof. Sterns, director of the work, was of the opinion, however, that ruins would be found, and an effort was to have been made the coming season to locate them.—Omaha Paper.



Geo. J. Remsburg, (Potter, Kansas,) Editor.

(The editor of this department will be pleased to receive for review any books or publications pertaining to subjects treated in these columns. He will also appreciate any accounts of private collections or personal discoveries that readers may contribute to this department. Address as above.)

The Russian Numismatic Society has reported a find of 1,600 coins of the eleventh century at Spanko near Peterhof. It is believed the coins were buried in the twelfth century by merchants dealing with Velikiy-Novgorod (Novgorod the Great).

El Palacio, the new archaeological and historical monthly published by the Archaeological Society of New Mexico, with Paul A. F. Walter of Santa Fe, as editor, is a very creditable and promising publication. The first two numbers, which we have received, are chockful of interesting matter.

The "Cardiff Giant," the most noted hoax of the nineteenth century, has been purchased by J. R. Mulroney of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and will be brought back to the place of its origin to advertise the city. He paid \$10,000.

One of the greatest illustrations of advancement in the last 100 years, was given at the recent centennial celebration at Saint Albans, Me., when a loom 103 years old was exhibited. It was the first loom used in Somerset county and was used extensively in those days by all of the settlers of that town. It has been preserved and will be placed among the curiosities in the state department.

"Soldiers and Their Deeds," is the title of a neat, paper bound volume of 25 pages, recently compiled and published by W. Straley, editor of the News-Review of Hico, Texas, and well known as an archaeological collector and author of several small, but interesting volumes on archaeology. Mr. Straley's latest book deals in biographical data and reminiscence of Southern and principally Texas soldiers, and is well written and illustrated with many portraits. The editor of this department acknowledges with thanks a copy of this entertaining little volume.

The December 1913 number of The Collector, a magazine for autograph

and historical collectors, published by Walter R. Benjamin of New York, contains among other interesting matter, a very clever poem by Mr. Benjamin, an account of the Thatcher sale in New York, and also of other sales; the publication of an interesting Patrick Henry letter; the Kruthoffer letters (continued); a holiday poem by Fred'k M. Steele, etc. Mr. Benjamin's magazine has now reached the 27th volume.

A report from Santa Barbara, Calif., says that the submarine disturbance which kept the ocean along the south coast in fury for several days in December, cast up the wreckage of an ancient ship near that place. A few miles southward, part of a mastodon's skeleton, which apparently had been brought up from a great depth, was washed ashore. The skeleton fragments included about thirty-five feet of vertebrae and a skull with eight-foot tusks intact. The ship's wreckage bore indications that it had lain on the ocean bottom for perhaps 100 years. It was thickly armored with barnacles.

Milo Custer, custodian of the McLean county (Ill.) Historical Society, and other collectors, have organized an independent archaeological society called the Kickapoo Club, at Bloomington, Ill. The editor of this page, gratefully acknowledges receipt of a certificate of honorary membership in the club.

CHICAGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.



The 120th monthly meeting of the above named Society was held in their rooms, 1622 Masonic Temple, Friday evening, Jan. 2nd, 1914, President F. Elmo Simpson presiding.

A communication was read from the Chicago Philatelic Society and the reply of the Executive Committee of this Society in which an agreement is made for the rental of these rooms to the Chicago Philatelic Society for first and third

Thursday evenings of each month. A unanimous vote ratified the action of the Executive Committee. A letter from Mr. T. I. Comparette was also read. The retiring President, Secretary, Treasurer and Curator, read their annual reports. The following were installed as the officers for 1914 President, J. T. Kelly; Vice President, F. J. Loer; Secretary, Ben G. Green; Treasurer, E. C. Verkler; Librarian, Earnest Jonas; Curator, J. H. Ripstra; Censor, H. C. Mueller; Executive Committee, Ben G. Green, Edward Michael and M. P. Carey.

President Elect Kelly then took the chair and presided during the remainder of the evening. In lieu of an inaugural address the new President had cigars distributed among those present. Considerable discussion took place in regard to the Society making a loose leaf list of the coins of the world, so far as the members could furnish undoubted descriptions. The President appointed the following standing committees: On Membership—M. O. Noack, R. E. Davis and F. Elmo Simpson; on Medallie Production—Virgil M. Brand, J. H. Ripstra and John A. Lewis.

Under exhibitions Mr. Williams showed a gold four escudo of Chile 1837; Mr. Brand an eight daler copper plate of Chas. X Gustav of Sweden 1659; and Mr. Green his Brazilian gold collection.

Magazines received since last meeting were: Spink's Circular and Philatelic West for December and Mehl's Monthly and the Numismatist for January; and auction catalogs from Elder and Mehl.

Adjourned to meet Feb. 6th, 1914.

Ben G. Green, Secretary.

A COLLECTION OF HEIRLOOMS.—By Ralph L. King.

F. W. Downs, who lives on North Fourth Street, has a rare and valuable collection of curios and heirlooms. Among this collection is an apothecary scale that is more than 100 years old. It is made of brass and steel. A candle-snuffer, something unknown to the present generation, is another curio. It is made of steel and is similar to a pair of pliers. When applied to a lighted candle the candle is snuffed out without leaving an odor as it would in the case of its being blown out. Another heirloom is a woolen bedspread, dated 1829, which is in use to this day. The design is very beautiful. The colors are blue and white. It was made in the days of free trade and woven into the fabric are the words: "Free Trade."

Still another heirloom is a mahogany stand which has been in continuous use for more than 100 years. All of the above articles originally belonged to Mr. Downs' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Morgan, who lived in Fremont, O. The oldest of Mr. Downs' possessions is a chair which was owned by his great grandfather, James Morgan, as early as 1775. The chair is still in use. It has a reed bottom and a back made of slats, which are beautifully hand-painted in floral designs. Mr. Downs also has a real Colonial silver service, but he hasn't an idea as to its correct age. Among the collection is an apple that has been preserved for 35 years. The apple was preserved by sticking it full of cloves. When the weather is damp this apple fills the room with a pleasant odor of cloves.

Mr. Downs has many war relics, the principal one being a uniform worn by him when he belonged to a company of militia before the Civil War, while he lived at Fremont, O. War talk at that time was at fever heat and militia companies were being organized for their own protection. Each company was named. The company to which he belonged was called the "Suaves." The uniform just referred to consists of a cap similar to the sweater caps worn today, having a long tassel streaming from its crown; a blue woolen jacket of waist length, trimmed in gold braid and brass buttons; and a pair of red trousers, cut Knickerbocker style.

Charles Krebs, formerly county clerk of Atchison county, was the first commander of the Suaves, but when the company joined the Fiftieth Ohio regiment, Mr. Krebs was rejected because of a crippled limb. Mr. Downs was rejected because of his youth, but when his cousin, Charles Morgan, assumed command, he was reinstated as a musician. He played a snare drum throughout his enlistment. Mr. Downs still has this drum; also a tin plate from which he ate while in the army. The uniform Mr. Downs wore when he enlisted, would fit the average 10 year old boy, which will give the reader an idea as to Mr. Downs' size at the time of his enlistment.

Mr. Downs possesses a book which is a history of the Morgan family. It was written by James Morgan, previously mentioned. This book records Mr. Downs' mother's people. It contains the names of all the descendants between the dates of 1607 and 1867. J. Pierpont Morgan's name appears in the book, but Mr. Downs has never had time to figure out what relationship he bears to J. P.

In this collection is a child's dress, worn by Mr. Downs' brother, Arthur Downs, of Kansas City, who is 80 years old. The collection is one of the most interesting the writer has ever seen and it would take columns to enumerate

all the curios. It took hours of Mr. Downs' time to show them, but of kindness and patience he possesses as large a stock as his worthy ancestors possessed of stocks.

HOW THE KING OF ITALY BECAME A NUMISMATIST.

King Victor Emanuel III. of Italy tells in a composition written in his youth how he became interested in numismatics. He writes: "A soldo of Pius IX. happened to interest me, and I preserved it. Soon I added another piece to the first, and then continued until I had brought together fifteen coins of various kinds, when the King, my father, gave me nearly seventy coins. These, added to what I already possessed, formed the nucleus of my collection." Today Victor Emanuel II., who is the Honorary President of the Italian Numismatic Society, possesses a collection of inestimable value, which comprises more than 50,000 pieces, among which there are many of extreme rarity.—From Numismatist.

OTHER RELICS.

Peter E. Shumway, of Wellsboro, Pa., has in his possession the original discharge of his great-grandfather, Peter Shumway, who fought in the Revolutionary war. It is dated June 9, 1783, and is signed by George Washington himself, in person, and the signature is still very bold and distinct.

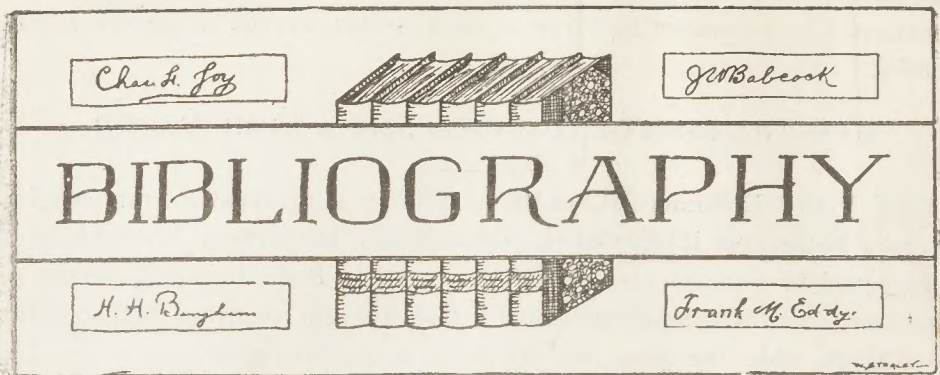
In the same case with this old relic are a couple of specimens the "Massachusetts Bay" paper money of that time, one is a bill of \$8 denomination, and the other is numbered 59,222 and calls for \$65 "in gold or silver." Both are on a coarse-grained paper of antique design.

Willard Sherwood has just received a buffalo robe from a small town in Missouri which has connected with it a curious history. The robe is the last skin from a buffalo that was shot by Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), and Mr. Sherwood places a valuation of \$5,000 on the robe. It is Indian tanned and is soft as silk to the touch, without a single patch of hair being gone.

The overcoat that Abraham Lincoln wore the night he was fatally shot in Ford's Theatre at Washington, has come to light and is now in the possession of John Kirby of that city. He also has a suit of clothes that was worn by the martyred President.

The Colonel E. H. Liscum Garrison, Army and Navy Union, has received through the efforts of Congressman E. S. Underhill, a Maine memorial tablet which has recently been on display at the Swarthout Jewelry Store, Elmira, N. Y. The tablet weighs 141 lbs., and the material of which it was made is taken from the U.S. battleship Maine, which was sunk in Havana harbor in 1898.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

H. A. Lampman, N. Y.—The copy of the Washington paper which you have is either one of two things, without a doubt—either a correct or an incorrect misprint. If you will read the excellent contribution appearing in the last issue you will learn something regarding these papers containing the account of Gen. Washington's death. I am sorry, but almost any amount of these fakes can be gotten for 10c apiece. If this does not fit the paper you have, write me again.

Mrs. H. L. Underwood, Calif.—We do not have the cards which you request on our list. Probably any wholesale card dealer could help you, and I think that your racket stores in Berkely should give you the information.

Harold Hill, H. T.—(1) See answer above to H. A. Lampman. (2) I do not have this listed, but will investigate and give further information later if anything worth while is unearthed. Write to Furman Co., N. Y. (3) See answer two.

HELP!!!

Do you know where a complete set of Katrina Kline's Post Cards can be obtained?

Where a copy of "Tode Mal, or Theodore Mallory" may be secured?

Where "Mormonism Exposed" published in the Toledo Blade a long time ago, can be gotten in book form?

Has any one a copy of Ironthorpe, supposed to have been written by Trowbridge? If so write, stating price and condition. The book is not valuable, but we have a reader who would like to get a copy, paying a fair price.

The Editor has received from Mr. Wm. R. Carbo of Washington, D. C., one of the medals issued by the Ecuador government in commemoration of the hundredth year of their freedom from Spanish rule. On one side it bears a picture of what we judge to be the exposition building, and this inscription "Recuerdo de la Exposicion" and "De Quito." On the reverse there is supposedly a picture of their president, and the coat of arms. This inscription is found here "Centenario de la Independencia" and the dates 1809 and 1909. The

medal is of bronze. Mr. Carbo is the author of a series of articles now running in the **Modern Youth**, of Richwood, Minn., on South America. He is an ardent stamp collector, and we will be pleased to have him send us a cut of himself for reproduction in the **WEST**.

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Dear Members:—Through some oversight in printing, the list of officers for 1914 was not substituted for the list of Temporary Officers in the last issue of the **WEST**. This correction is made as above.

We have started a Dept. of Inquiry, through which our members may receive any information needed on Entomological subjects. Members should send all inquiries to Pres. Walker, who will arrange to have questions answered through the **WEST** unless a personal letter is desired, in which case return postage should be sent with inquiry.

Pres. Walker will also classify specimens sent to him by members, as far as he is able. Postage for return must accompany specimens, if return of same is desired.

Our Exchange Dept. will be started as soon as the collecting season has begun and we hope to make it a big success.

Member No. 7, William Joy, of 5227 Wakefield St., Germantown, Pa., has been appointed as the third member of the Board of Directors, as provided in Art. V, Sec. 2 of our Constitution.

Mr. Jay is working hard for our Society and has enabled us to gain four members in his locality, in the past two months. We feel that his appointment is certainly well merited.

We have twelve paid members, to date.

Receipts to date, \$6.00. Disbursements, None. Cash on hand, \$6.00. Expenses, postage, etc., paid by Secretary, personally, until we are better fixed financially.

Now that things are coming our way, will each member consider himself a committee of one to boost our membership. Will YOU send in at least ONE application this month, Only 50c dues to Jan. 1, 1915—the initiation fee of 25c may be omitted temporarily, until we get things well under way for the season. NOW is the time to join. We are aiming to reach the 100 mark by July 1st. Members, get busy with your collector friends and we can DO this. Who will be the first to propose a new member?

Fraternally yours,

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ANCIENT ENGRAVINGS, SEALS, CRESTS, ETC.—By W. H. C.

The art of engraving on metal was not confined to seals, for in the Book of Exodus, we read an account of engraving work, some of which was doubtless very elaborate and required a great degree of skill, since it is evident that there were various kinds of design and execution employed and both gems and gold were used as the materials on which the sacred symbols were to be wrought. There are few more interesting objects than a seal, for it suggests some of the most ancient as well as the most important events recorded in the history of the world. The great granaries of the Kingdom of Egypt were closed and the doors sealed with a seal of clay; the mouth of the den into which Daniel was cast was sealed with the King's Seal, and the Old and New Testaments abound with allusions and illustrations which show how frequent and important was the use of these engraved signets in the early ages. Even in our own time, although the seal is not in such common use, it is still appended to State Documents and to many agreements which are of very serious importance, and the legal declaration by which a deed is declared valid is accompanied by the placing of the finger of the person who attests it on the spot which should contain the seal.

It is recorded by Herodotus that Aristogras appeared before the King of Sparta with a tablet of brass in his hand, on which was inscribed every part of the habitable world, the seas, and the rivers, and to this he pointed as he spoke of several countries between the Ionian Sea and Susa. As this was 500 years before the birth of our Saviour, it is evident that at a very early period the art of engraving on metal plates was known among the Greeks. Specimens of the engravings of Egypt have been found in the coffins or chests containing mummies and many of those now in the British museum consist of hieroglyphics engraved on metal, and evidently wrought with the lozenge-shaped graver and the scooper similar to, if not precisely identical with the tools used in the present day, history thus repeating itself.

When we think that the art of engraving was practised so early in the world's history, and that some of the oldest of the metal plates are even now capable of giving clear impressions on paper when the lines of them are inked, we cannot help wondering that the ancients did not go a step further, and hit on some plan of multiplying these designs by printing. It is indeed, not easy to imagine how they failed to make the attempt, until we remember that many of the discoveries and inventions which have been of the utmost benefit are those which appear the simplest when once they are brought into general use. We all know to what perfection the art of engraving pictures on steel and copper plates has been brought during the present century, and at a time when wood engraving was comparatively neglected. One picture from a steel or copper plate at the commencement of a book very materially increased its value; and for finely finished landscapes, portraits and work where minute perfection of finish and delicacy of tone are required, the metal plate engraving is still pre-eminent, to judge by the prices realized at sales, while wood-cuts are more distinguished for free and bold effects and vigorous, even though they may be rude outlines. The two arts, as far as regards their application to what we call printing is concerned, seem to have come into use at about the same period. We mentioned, when speaking of wood engraving that the earliest print from a wood block, with a date attached to it, was that of St. Christopher, dated 1423.

(To be continued)

A MAINE FIND.—By W. B. Gould, Winterport, Maine.

Some years ago it was my customary way, to spend my vacations in the woods camping and hunting with a close friend.

On one of these trips in Northern Maine, near the St. John River, which is the boundary line for some distance, between the state of Maine, and the Province of New Brunswick, we accidentally found something quite different from what we were hunting for.

By a woodsman in Pesque Isle, Maine, we had been directed to a place up a brook in the forest, he called a Deer Lick, probably a salty spring, where Deer frequented, and sure enough after quietly waiting there for less than an hour, shot a young deer.

After dressing the deer we had an hour or two to wait for a tote team that took supplies into a lumber camp, several miles farther up the brook and while at this place, only a few rods from here the deer hung, I kicked over an old rotten stump, and out slid a number of coins, and by digging away the dirt and rotten wood we took out of this hide about a peck of old U. S. copper cents, many of them showing dates plainly from 1797 to 1849, and some rusted, or worn so that dates cannot be seen, but it is probable that they were put into a hollow tree in cloth bags about 1850 or 51, by some collector of coins, who came into that part of the country to make his home near the St. John River. After the 1842 war as it is called in these parts, and the Ashburton Treaty, for previous to that time most of the settlers along this river were French Canadians, and they would not likely have had many U. S. cents, or a chance to collect any great number, and there were no roads, or any way to get into that part of the U. S. in summer, except via Quebec or St. John, N. B.

One thing about a few of these coins is strange to me, for there are 40 or 50 of them that are now brass color or composition.

Would any of your readers decide for me whether these yellow pieces of different dates from 1816 to 1849 were made as pattern pieces, or did they oxidize by laying so long in salty dirt, while others in same place are good copper color and reddish as well as black.

At the time we found the coins, my partner on the trip and myself divided half each of deer and coins, and afterwards he presented me with his half of the cents, so I have them all now.

Speaking of old almanacs, Mrs. D. E. Logan, of Lincoln, Nebr., believes she has the oldest in the state. She has one dated 1770. She says of the relic: "My old almanac belonged to my great great grandfather on my mother's side of the family, Coloned John Lamb of New York, who was an officer in the revolutionary war and a great agitator and leader at that time. The date of the almanac is 1770 and ti is very different from the almanacs of today. Money could not buy mine either, as I expect to keep it for my children, as my ancestors did. The almanac is by Frank Freeman. Besides the signs of the zodiac, eclipses, etc., it contains a list of his majesty's forces in America, and where stationed, the officers of the staff and field officers, admiralty judges and courts where these judges presided. List of the names of members of the general assembly of the province of New Jersey, list of his majesty's council for the province of New York and English governors of North America, besides other interesting information."—From a Lincoln Paper.

A COLUMN FOR KANSAS KOLLECTORS.

BY GEORGE J. REMSBURG.

One of the interesting publications that comes to the table of the Kansas editor of Philatelic West, is *Historia*, a quarterly, published by W. P. Campbell, custodian in charge of the Oklahoma Historical Society at Oklahoma City. It records in a most entertaining manner all donations of relics, documents, books, publications, etc., to the society and incidentally relates much interesting history of Oklahoma and the Great Southwest. Mr. Campbell and the editor of this department were formerly associated in newspaper work at Atchison, Ks.

The old stone wall at Fort Leavenworth, built about three-quarters of a century ago, as a defense against Indian attacks, and which is the oldest piece of masonry in Kansas outside of the ancient Pueblo ruin in Scott county, is to be preserved by the government.

There are few if any men in Kansas who are doing a better work for the cause of local history than Charles R. Green of Olathe. For many years Mr. Green has been engaged in collecting, compiling and publishing the local history of his section of Kansas, and the vast amount of material he has rescued from oblivion is of inestimable value to the history of the Sunflower State. He has also gathered one of the most valuable collections in Kansas, of old out-of-print books, historical relics, etc., which he has comfortably housed in a fire-proof building of his own construction. Besides the many stray bits of history that have appeared over his name in various newspapers and periodicals, Mr. Green is the author of a number of interesting historical books and pamphlets which he has gotten out in his own printshop. Among these is a series of booklets, the first three volumes of which have already appeared, entitled, "Early Days in Kansas." Besides much early Kansas history, these volumes contain much of interest to the student of Indian history and ethnology. There is a vast amount of data pertaining to Quenemo, the Sank Indian and Keokuk, the Watchful Fox, both of whom lived in Kansas, and much other Indian history, with many Indian portraits and other illustrations.

A human skeleton, possibly that of an Indian, was unearthed on the farm of A. E. Althoff, near Verdi, in Saline county, recently.

Old coin items from the Atchison newspapers: Guy Bromley has a \$20 gold piece dated 1908 and minus "In God We Trust." There is said to be only two of these in Atchison, the Exchange National Bank having the other one. Miss Carrie Buck has two U. S. three cent pieces coined before 1850. A. L. Clem has quite a collection of old coins, among them a number coined before 1800.

There is an old Indian cemetery on a slope near the gun sheds at Fort Riley where numerous skeletons and many relics have been unearthed.

Ralph L. King of Atchison, reports what is probably the oldest apple in Kansas. It belongs to David Ankrum of Atchison, and has been in his posses-

sion since 1871. Mr. Ankrum picked it off a tree in an orchard near Doniphan, and preserved it by sticking cloves in it. The mummy apple is now about the size of a billiard ball, and is as black as coal. It is 42 years old.

Mrs. Carrie Hackett Hall, of Leavenworth, has one of the most valuable collections of relics of Abraham Lincoln in the country, and enjoys the unique distinction of being the only woman collector of Lincolniana. She also possesses an interesting collection of Shakespeareana, and a valuable collection of books on Costume. The Leavenworth Times of January 18, printed a long account of her collections.

C. J. Thull has discovered the remains of an ancient Indian village or camp on his farm southwest of Cawker City. He also recently picked up a number of beaver chips on the Solomon river. Beaver are getting scarce in this section of the west and beaver ships are quite a curiosity to the younger generation of the west and beaver chips are quite a curiosity to the younger genera-

Mrs. Henry Phillips of Lansing, has donated to the D. A. R. historical collection in Leavenworth, a small iron kettle which is 175 years old, and which was brought from Germany.

The Elks lodge at Atchison has purchased from Mrs. James Reville, the elk head which belonged to the late Vern Shirley. It is a fine head with a splendid tree of antlers. Mr. Shirley killed the elk on Fontenelle Creek in Wyoming in October, 1894. The head will be placed in the Elks lodge at Atchison.—Troy Chief.

A Severance correspondent says that while James Huss, of that place, was collecting seashells on his recent trip to Texas and Mexico, "a tidal wave came in and wet the soles of his feet and then some." If Mr. Huss is a true collector, the editor of this Kolumn will wager that he didn't let a little thing like that dampen his ardor, however.

E.A. Yambert, of Leavenworth, has an old commission issued to his grandfather, Calvin C. Shapley, captain in the Fourth New York Light Infantry. It is dated June 18, 1827, and is signed by DeWitt Clinton, governor, and N. F. Beck, adjutant general. He also has some old marriage licenses and a pocket-book which were the property of Mr. Yambert's grandfather, John H. Yambert, who was a Methodist preacher in Ohio. One of the licenses bears the date of August 24, 1831, and was issued by the clerk of Rutland County. The pocketbook has on it in ink the date 1830. It is in an excellent state of preservation.

WILSON GETS FAMOUS CANE.

Hickory Stick Owned by Andrew Jackson Presented to President.

Andrew Jackson's famous hickory stick was presented to President Wilson recently by Senator Thompson, in behalf of Ludlow Ludlam of Wichita, Kans., who got it from a friend of the former president. It is said to be the same stick with which "Old Hickory" located the treasury department of Pennsylvania.

THE 1804 U. S. SILVER DOLLAR.—By S. H. Chapman.

(Continued from last issue.)

In fact, when we recognize that the pieces were struck without a collar, we can almost be sure that many of the early coins, if they had been held within collars, would have showed a beaded border within a rim and that many of these borders with shapeless or rounded, long points are the effect of the flowing away of the metal from the beads. I have in my hand as I write a 1799 eagle with large stars which proves this. For the space of a quarter of an inch opposite the lower stars on the sides of the border it has perfect, round beads within a rim whilst around the rest of the periphery they stretch out into rounded points of varying length. No engraver chasing a die for his country's coin of the highest denomination would have so varied his execution of the border.

Mr. Patterson DuBois, formerly assistant Assayer in the Mint, under his father, who was one of the authors of the book above mentioned, informed me a few days ago that he remembered discussions about "when the collar was introduced."

The copper coins were some years struck within collars and other years without them, or the collars were so large that the impression did not press against them; but as with the exception of 1793, 4 and 5 lettered edge variety, they were without edge devices there was no object in not using a collar to preserve the device. In 1793 the fabric is the same as the silver, no collar employed so as to preserve the edge; but in 1793 we find perfect square edges lettered. In the latter, the lettering must first have been deeply impressed and the piece struck in a collar but not strongly enough to destroy the inscription. The unlettered edges of the 1795 not always show no signs of a collar but the markings of the planchet cutter. The wonderfully sharp 1797 Cent in this collection shows a perfect collar edge, some 1803's for instance do and others do not show collar pressure. As the copper after 1795 was without edge device, the use of a collar would not receive consideration but the change of fabric and the adoption of a collar for the gold and silver coins would attract attention and it is to this change that the remark of Mr. Du Bois above allures.

In 1836 the Mint was entirely refitted with new machinery driven by steam power and power presses in which collars were introduced, causing a complete change in the fabric.

Now all six specimens above mentioned show that after lettering they were specially hand-struck within a collar and that the impression has, in every specimen, flattened the edge and obliterated a portion of the edge inscription, and they are therefore, specially struck pieces commonly called proofs, as shown by their perfectly level surfaces, perfectly struck borders and highly finished edges.

Now as this proof fabric differs from the coins as struck for circulation it prevents us from judging the time by the fabric because proofs are always struck in the same way and it accounts for the difference in appearance compared to coins struck in quantity for circulation.

Next—We come to the specimen in this collection from the same obverse and with a different reverse die, and with the edge properly lettered and not compressed. The fabric of this piece shows the letters of the word **Liberty** and the figures to be squarely struck on their surfaces, not rounded as in the pre-

ceding impression. A specimen from the same dies with a plain edge is in the Mint Cabinet. It is known and remembered by men living that about 1870 a nephew of the then Superintendent surreptitiously struck about ten specimens with plain edges from these dies and sold several of them for \$5.00 each. His action becoming known, the Superintendent through several friends secured the return of all the specimens that they could recover and had them destroyed excepting one specimen which he placed in the Cabinet. There was one of the specimens which was purchased by an English collector and which no amount of urging could induce him to relinquish and it still remains abroad. Two of these friends of the Superintendent who assisted in the recovery informed me that all the impressions were with plain edges, and I remember one of these statements made thirty years ago.

Now, here appears a specimen from the same dies with the edge lettered, which Mr. Lyman has owned thirty years or more, and the weight is also full and correct, 416 grains, whilst the plain edged one in the Mint is light, weighing only $381\frac{1}{4}$ grains, the standard of the fractional coins, and secondly I find some rust spots beside the letter U in United which on the plain edge in the Mint have gone perceptibly further; the largest spot is much larger and there are some smaller spots beside it, which would indicate that the present specimen antedates the impression in the Mint, and is not of the same restriking or batch nor the same lettered.

As the edge is lettered it is a unique specimen, and as the combination of the two dies is concerned, is, outside of the specimen in the Mint Cabinet, one of only two known.

About 1876 the third or if we give the Lyman piece a separate number, the fourth striking from the dies of the 1804 dollar was made. The obverse and reverse dies of the first mentioned specimens were used and the edges were lettered, but the lettering on all the specimens I have seen of this emission is always blundered with many of the letters repeated. When I entered this business in 1876, these dollars were being put on the market by a certain Mint official now long deceased. How many were struck is unknown. I have seen or heard of about four specimens. The price asked for them at the time was \$600, which was about the price at which the first impressions were selling.

I would sum up my arguments as follows:—

The originality and contemporaneousness of the dies established by the fact that all dies were preserved and by finding the same borders on the coins of the period. I would list the impressions of the dollars as follows:—

1. Proofs, as the lettered edge specimen in the Mint. Six known.
2. Proof of before 1870 from the same obverse, but with a different reverse, with the edge lettered, unique. The Lyman specimen.
3. Proofs of about 1870, same dies as No. 2 with plain edge and with rust spot beside letter U more developed. Specimen in the Mint Cabinet and one abroad.
4. Proofs of about 1876, dies of the first mentioned used, but invariably with errors in the lettering of the edges, two or three of the letters being doubled or tripled. Of this latter class there are four or five in existence.—(Sparks.)

JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW IT IN THE WEST.



TALES OF OLD DUELING WEAPONS.

By Maj. Ben C. Truman.—Sent by Dwight Colby.

Maj. William Moore, U. S. A., for a long time before his death private secretary to President Johnson, had among his trophies a flint-lock duelling pistol believed to have been 300 years old, as it had been manufactured by Kittans & Co., London, and brought to Virginia by a relative of Lord Fairfax, named Mason, early in 1600. It remained in the Mason family until 1879, when it was given to Detective Raff by Miss Mason, and by Raff to Maj. Moore, who was chief of the Washington police at the time. It had been used in a number of affairs, but its true history has been lost during its rapid changes of ownership. It has a long brass barrel, which unscrews about an inch from the flashpan. To load it the barrel is unscrewed, the powder is poured in and rammed down. The barrel is then replaced, and the bullet, about three times as large as a buckshot, is dropped in. The sight is on the side of the barrel about midway between the trigger and the muzzle. Instead of sighting over a point on the extreme top of the barrel, as one does when handling a modern revolver, the old pistol was held so that the sight was taken over the knuckles of the person using it. It is undoubtedly the oldest firearm in the United States, and is probably still owned in Washington.

When James Bowie was found dead in the Alamo, with six Mexicans laid out near him, he still had his original knife in his grasp, and that is the last ever heard of the weapon that had been fatally wielded so many times by its fearless owner.

The pistols used in the Decatur-Barron duel, in which the former was mortally wounded and the latter dangerously, at the first fire, at Bladenburg, on March 22, 1820, are in the possession of the family of the late Gen. W. L. Elliott, U. S. A., in San Francisco. They were presented to the latter by his father, Capt. Jesse D. Elliott, U. S. A., who acted as second for Barron. They are handsome pistols, with flint lock and long steel barrels, and carry an ounce ball.

The rifle with which Congressman Graves (of Kentucky) killed Congressman Cilley (of Maine) on February 24, 1838, on the Marlborough road, near Washington, was taken possession of by Henry A. Wise, then Congressman from Virginia, and second of Graves. Cilley was killed at eight yards at the third fire. The rifle is probably now in possession of the Wise family.

(To Be Continued.)

MRS. ROBINSON'S PITCHERS.

(Continued from last issue.)

There is neither time or space for the especial mention of all the pitchers and we shall merely mention the most important. In the foreign collection are those from Constantinople, Rome, Naples, Tripoli Gibraltar, Hindoostan, Snyrna and a Coronation one from London, with the coat of arms and pictures of the King and Queen from England on either side. In this group belongs also a Japanese sauce picture 75 years old, which is very unique and ingenuous. We are forever learning things from this sister country and it is a wonder that the American manufacturers have never grasped this useful idea. The pitcher would be ideal for syrups, as it made with a very small mouth, like a vinegar bottle. Two inches below the mouth is a rim wide enough to catch all drippings and this rim is provided with a small opening, whereby the syrup can be returned to the pitcher. It is not only useful, but is beautiful in design and coloring. It is of "I Nuyama" ware made in Owari Province, Japan. There are also two other very interesting ones belonging to this group. One is of hammered copper—a small pitcher used by the Japanese for tealing wine. The other is of Koko ware. The bottom part is made of a cocoanut done in relief work, while the mouth and upper portion is of pewter. This was made in Tokio by the artist Koko. Belonging with the foreign pitchers is a white and gold Chinese affair which is 75 years old. It is also odd and beautiful.

There are several from Cuba—one representing Moro Castle—another the Columbus Cathedral where reposes the body of the great discoverer.

There are specimens from the Villeroy and Bach potteries of Germany, this being one of the oldest potteries in the world and one which furnishes more odd and original shapes than any other. Another of the foreign groups deserving particular mention is from London and ornamented with graceful Bachanallian scenes.

Along with this group should be mentioned the one of lustre ware from Valencia, Spain. Thelustre ware is very old and the oldest potteries in the world, making this ware are in Valencia and Barcedona.

Among the reproductions of old ware are: The Willoware, English Menton, Blue Onion, Whieldon Pheasant, the Pompadom, the English Gay and the Poppy. There is, too, a rare piece of Wedgewood of Black Basaltes, which is among the most valuable in the collection.

There are two from Plymouth, Mass., which naturally attracts ones attention. One is made of a polished cow's horn 83 years old—the other of China is also very old and has a picture of the May Flower adorning one side.

Among Indian potteries represented are those made by the Cherokees, the Seminoles, the Ozteco and the Choctaws.

Wood pitchers are also found—one tapestry, another made of vegetable kelp from Santiago. There are many seal pitchers with the coat of arms of their countries, a snake pitcher; many and varied types of men from Foxy Grandpa to President Taft—from Little Red Riding Hood to His Santanic Majesty. This latter one is formed of four cards, making a square, the handle being a horrid red devil.

In this collection are also a fowl, two or three vegetables, a watermelon,

a few of the fruit varieties—some shells—comic faces and a number of animals.

Mrs. Robinson's oldest pitcher belonged to the old Smith family and is one hundred years old. This is especially interesting because of the associations.

There are five flowers, Rose, Chrysanthemum, Poppy, Scotch, Blue Bell and leur-de-Lis and several Toby pitchers.

Perhaps the most unique and interesting of all is the tiny pitcher, only one-fourth inch high. It was made by Dr. E. O. Wells of this place, and is of solid gold. It is perfect in form and workmanship and is so small that it must be hung in a glass tube for protection and that it may be easily be examined.

This collection is a rare one and is destined to become larger and more valuable all the while, but to get any idea of what it really is or what it must mean to the owner it must be seen and not merely read about.

The pitchers are everywhere on plate rails, in old time cabinets on shelves and more shelves, but the most remarkable thing of it is the intimate knowledge of each particular pitcher, which is possessed by Mrs. Robinson. She is a connoisseur of Chinas, is versatile and ready of wit, and she can tell without a moment's hesitation where each pitcher came from and its value, if there is any. This, of course, adds greatly to the interest of the collection and one could profitably spend a day seeing and hearing of this unusual display.

Newport, Tenn., should indeed feel a personal pride in her one collection, for though Mrs. Robinson owns it, it is ours nevertheless and we should take pleasure in helping her to make it more valuable.

All great things have had small beginnings and this collection is now scarcely more than three years old. With a little effort what might it become in five years more?

MAKING HIS OWN MONEY.

Coffee Planter in Mexico Having Coins Struck Off in St. Louis.

Unable to get silver from the Mexican banks, Albert Von Hoffmann, of the National Telephone Directory company of St. Louis, who owns a large coffee plantation near Xuchil, Mexico, is having his own money made in St. Louis by the Adams Stamp and Seal company. "Silver money is not to be had in Mexico," said Von Hoffmann. "The peons do not understand checks, so it is absolutely necessary that they be paid in coin. I am having my own money made with the consent of the governor of the state of Vera Cruz, in which my coffee plantation is located. Later I will redeem the coins, the same as I would checks."

The Toledo Collectors' League will hold the following meetings at the Toledo Museum of Art: March 16, at 4 o'clock; March 23, at 7 o'clock; April 6, at 7 o'clock; April 13, at 4 o'clock; April 20, at 7 o'clock. April 6, at 7 o'clock there will be given a stereopticon entertainment. Edward Sieler, President, Leo MacDonough, Secretary, Box 10, Station C, Toledo, Ohio.

**STAMP MEN MEET AT MITCHELL, S. DAK., FEBRUARY 16, 17 AND
18. THE DAKOTA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION HOLDS
ANNUAL THREE DAY CONVENTION.**

The Dakota Philatelic Association held their annual three day convention at the Washington Cafe with nearly a third of its members present. The spirit the present members showed gave idea of the healthy condition of this State Philatelic Society. It rightly claims to be the most active state society in the union.

Motions of interest to the general philatelic public were the appointment of F. Ralph Gellerman to represent the society at the Panama Pacific Exposition and R. H. Perry of Mitchell, S. Dak., as recruiting committee of one. Mr. Perry was instructed to urge every D. P. A. member to join at least one national organization. Upon vote it was decided to issue a year book containing, aside from regular reports and items of interest, an article on the "Stamps of Nyassa," by F. Ralph Gellerman and a complete list of philatelic societies in the U. S., their official organ, initiation fees and annual dues. 500 copies of the year book were ordered, same to be sent free to any philatelist requesting same, and giving a philatelic society number.

Tuesday evening a banquet was spread, and oysters and other dainties were indulged in. Later in the evening collections valued over \$25,000 were displayed.

Officers elected were as follows: Pres. Rev. J. W. Hyslys, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Vice Pres., Z. H. Eager, Mitchell, S. D.; Sec'y-Treas., W. W. Hansen, Velva, N. Dak.; Sales Mgr., Wm. J. Adams, Tampa, Fla.; Exchange Mgr., Will Hansen, Velva, N. D.; Librarian, John J. Warns, Wentworth, S. D. These officers will take charge on May 1st, 1914.

The next annual convention will be held at Aberdeen, S. Dak., on Feb. 16, 17, 18, 1915.

MONEY IN FRANCE DOES A QUEER THING—CHANGES ITS COLOR.

If you're color blind, old chap, don't be running over to Paris just now. The Bank of France, y'know, is replacing the familiar fifty and five hundred franc notes with blue and yellow slips that keep you wondering whether you're in funds or in need of a letter from home.

M. Luc-Olivier Merson is the fifty franc designer, says a Paris cablegram, and M. Jean-Paul Laurens is responsible for the color of the five hundred franc engraving.

Following are the names of those present at the annual banquet of the Rochester Numismatic Association, in the order they appear in illustration:

1. H. H. Yawger; 2. W. J. Morley; 4. J. A. Koeb; 5. W. R. Horstmann; 6. Dr. Geo. P. French; 7. George J. Bauer; 8. Harry E. Montgomery; 9. H. F. Ottley; 10. L. B. Asbright; 11. L. J. Woolsey; 12. A. S. Bostwick; 13. F. E. Merritt; 14. C. E. Bunnell; 15. A. H. Plumb; 16. L. G. Amberg; 17. E. L. Stanley; 18. Andrew Ludolph; 19. I. B. Bernstein; 20. W. H. Amberg; 21. Dr. S. Handler; 22. L. S. Richardson; 23. Fred B. King; 24. W. J. Ballard; 25. C. A. Harold; 26. Paul Wild; 27. E. D. Putnam; 28. R. M. Burton; 29. H. J. Haddleton. Reading from left to right.

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ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.

Rochester Hotel, Tuesday Evening, December 16, 1913.

44th meeting called to order, President Woolsey in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Report of the Treasurer, showing cash received and disbursements made for the year 1913, was read and found correct by Executive committee, and signed.

Motion made by Mr. Merritt and carried, that Mr. Judson Brenner be made an honorary member of the R. N. A. as, he being unable to attend our meetings, his many friends in Rochester would like the pleasure of hearing his name when the roll is called at each meeting.

Mr. J. A. Koeb, chairman of the Medal Committee made a few very good suggestions in regard to the Anniversary Medal, one of which was that the wording on the reverse of the die be so worded that it would be permanent, and the only change each year would be on the obverse or portrait side of the medal. Mr. Koeb also suggested that each retiring President be presented by the Association with the die of the medal for that year, on which the president's portrait is shown, as this would be something that he would be proud to hand down as an heirloom to his descendants. The drift of Mr. Koeb's remarks in this connection was to the effect that such procedure on the part of the Association might be of future pecuniary benefit to the R. N. A. And if any President did not care for the die, it might be auctioned off among the members of the Association. A committee was appointed consisting of Mr. J. A. Koeb, chairman, Mr. F. B. King and Mr. W. J. Ballard.

The second informal dinner of the R. N. A. will be held at the Hotel Rochester on Tuesday evening, January 20, 1914. President appointed Arrangement Committee as follows: Dr. French and Mr. Merritt. Motion was carried that Mr. Horstman, Manager of the Rochester Hotel, be presented with a gift, in token of appreciation of the many favors extended our Association during the past year. Mr. Stanley and Mr. Bauer to attend to the purchase of same.

The Rochester Numismatic Association celebrated their Second Anniversary by a dinner at the Hotel Rochester on Tuesday evening, January 20th, at which they were joined by the members of the Rochester Philatelic Association who were at the same time celebrating the first anniversary of their society. A reception was held from 6:30 to 7:30 of that evening, to allow the members of the two Associations to become acquainted, also for the purpose of introducing Mr. Harry Earl Montgomery, of Buffalo, N. Y., who had been invited to be the speaker of the evening.

This being the regular meeting night of the R. N. A., a short meeting was held, after which a dinner was served which was voted by all to be about as fine a one as they had ever sat down to.

Mr. Geo. J. Bauer, President of the R. N. A., acted as Toastmaster. During the course of the dinner a telegram from Mr. B. Max Mehl of Ft. Worth, Texas, was received and read, congratulating the R. N. A. on their work for the promotion of the science of numismatics and expressing his regret at being unable to be present.

Mr. C. E. Bunnell, one of the members of the R. N. A., who is a professional photographer, took a flash light photograph of the dinner party.

Dr. French was then called upon to make presentation to Mr. Wm. Horst-

man, manager of the Hotel Rochester, in slight token of the esteem of the members, and appreciation for the many favors extended them in years past, of a watch fob having a Three Dollar gold piece of the year of Mr. Horstman's birth set in a gold collar. Mr. Horstman expressed his surprise and pleasure in accepting the gift, and stated that he would be pleased to have the Association continue to make the Rochester Hotel their headquarters.

After these preliminaries had been disposed of, the Toastmaster introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Harry E. Montgomery. Although all present expected something exceptionally fine in the way of an address, Mr. Montgomery exceeded their anticipations, his address "Why Collect Coins" being both entertaining as well as instructive.

Mr. Andrew Ludolph, a member of the Rochester Philatelic Association then gave a very amusing and instructive talk on stamp collecting.

Next on the program was an especially fine talk given by Mr. H. F. Ottley, a member of the Rochester Philatelic Association, in which he told in detail about the material used and manner of making postage stamps and postal cards, from the first stamps issued to the present parcel post stamps.

The Secretary read a number of letters of regret from the following members of the A. N. A. and R. N. A., who were unable to attend: Mr. F. G. Duffield, Mr. Judson Brenner, Mr. E. H. Adams, Mr. Waldo C. Moore, Mr. B. Max Mehl, Mr. Henry Chapman, Mr. Wm. Hesslein, Mr. E. H. Hawkins, and Mr. Jos. Hooper.

The Toastmaster then called upon Messrs. Merritt, Yawger and L. G. Amberg, who responded as well as they were able, having nothing to say.

Another presentation was made by Dr. French in behalf of the Rochester Numismatic Association, consisting of one of the First Anniversary Medals, struck in silver, to Mr. Jos. Koeb, one of the members of the R. N. A., he being the artist who designed that medal, and the members desiring to show their appreciation of the very fine piece of work he turned out.

Mr. L. S. Richardson, President of the Rochester Philatelic Association, responded in a few well chosen remarks to a call on him by the Toastmaster.

Mr. A. D. Putnam, Curator of the Rochester Historical Society, told of the interest excited in the small boys visiting the museum, by the collection of coins which was placed there by the R. N. A., and announced that the Rochester Philatelic Association also intends to present the Historical Society with a similar collection of postage stamps for exhibition purposes.

PAIR OF PISTOLS USED BY "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY," BRING \$4000.

For one pair of pistols said to have been used by George Washington, \$4,000 was paid by Edward H. Litchfield, a collector at a recent auction sale of American and foreign antique weapons. The inscription "General G. Washington" is engraved on each pistol and there was documentary evidence apparently furnishing authenticity of the claims made for them. Each weapon was fifteen inches in length. Washington's medicine chest, still containing one or two remedies, brought \$375. The battle flag of "Light Horse Harry Lee" was sold for \$400 to Rev. W. H. Burke, curator of the Valley Forge museum, Pennsylvania.

A Superior, Nebr., collector, had about a hundred old firearms in this sale.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The relics from the collection of M. E. Zimmerman of White Cloud, Kans., illustrated in this issue, are as follows: A large ground-hog effigy stone pipe found near the mouth of Mosquito creek, north of Troy, Kans. This is a unique specimen and Mr. Z. has been offered a fancy price for it, but refused it; a bird shaped stone found by Mr. Z. on the old Pawnee camp site at the mouth of Nemaha river, Richardson county, Nebr.; the smaller human effigy pipe was found on the Nemaha site in 1871; the large stone idol was plowed up by a farmer in Putnam county, Mo.; the smallest object shown in the picture is a fetish of the Blackfeet Indians. It has a human face, with silver eyes and mouth. It is made of a hard black substance and highly polished.

C. A. Seward wrote, inclosing the very odd postmark and to me it seems that it would be a very rare one. It is from the Hunnewell, Kansas P. O. The town name is printed across the face of the stamp with a rubber stamp and the time and date is written on in pencil. The postmark is in the collection of Mr. Claude Rune of Wichita.

The "Un Peso," is one of the famous Villa bills on the bank of Monclova, Mex., which he made everybody in Mexico accept—including the banks—or be closed up and driven out of the country. Villa was not so foolish as some people thought at the time. This money now is legal tender, even in El Paso, U. S., for as much as in Huerta's money. This peso is worth 35 cents and Huerta's peso is worth only a trifle more. At Parral, Mex., the rebels have sixty tons of silver in bars which they got from federal smelters and this silver is to be coined into different denomination coins.—From World-Herald.

The illustration shows the front and reverse sides of the bill.

James F. Bush is a pleasant gentleman, whose country home rests to the right of the interurban, nine miles north of Marion, Ohio.

Mr. Bush is ever ready to extend the glad and hospitable hand to the friends he numbers by the hundreds throughout the city and county, and his diligence as a collector of ancient pottery, weapons and curios has made him an interesting figure in his circle of friends. Mr. Bush was a collector in a modest way many years back. Then he crossed the country to California in 1878, and in the crossing had rare opportunity to gather Indian curios of almost every sort and description. Since that time he has crossed from Ohio to the Pacific coast six times, and in no instance has overlooked an opportunity to add precious specimens of ancient handiwork to his store. As a result the collection has grown to such proportions that it has attracted the attention of collectors from all over the country, and its educational value is beyond measure.

A full description of a collection which would fill the shelves of a well appointed curio shop would be impossible. The industriously-wrought specimens of the handiwork of prehistoric man, and the Indian before the white man came with the white man's implements of war and peace, predominate, because the collector has found the greatest interest in those specimens whose history must be read in their shaping by long-departed hands.

In some of the implements and in much of the pottery, genius and patience are reflected in the highest degree. In some of the specimens the art of the worker is almost incredible. Personal tastes and tribal fashions are shown in

the work of the ancient craftsmen, and here and there throughout the collection is a specimen that breathes the story of the barbarian, or of the days when arrows were not barbed and feathered for war.

One of the first trinkets the visitors shows a special desire to examine is a delicately-fashioned and feautifully burnished pipe of stone. It was obtained by a South American gold miner from an Indian chief in British Columbia and was presented by the miner to Mr. Bush. Réposing snugly by the pipe is a string of twenty stone beads, which in their day of making ornamented some copper-colored dandy. They were not alone an ornament, however. They carried a message of accomplishment. The string was the tally-stick of the wearer and indicated that when the warrior who possessed them was laid to rest, he had twenty scalps to his credit. The pipe of peace and comfort and the record of scalp locks show about the same degree of skill and patience in their fashioning.

Over to one side is the real jawbone of a real prehistoric man. One glance at it tells the investigator that its some-time possessor could say "No" emphatically. It is not the jawbone of a humanitarian or of a philanthropist, and it shows that at least some of those prehistoric people were coarse to say the least. The fellow, however, was doubtless a vegetarian. His teeth are big, and square, and flat—three times as large as those of the present-day meat-eater. This jawbone with its sample of teeth was found over in Ashland county, where Mr. Bush opened a number of the mounds of the ancient builders.

One also gets lessons in domestic science in viewing the collection, and finds mortars and pestals that have been gathered from a dozen states. Every well-equipped household in those days had its mortar and pestal, perhaps a number of them. But it can be easily imagined that on mortar-and-pestal day, just like ironing day, if there happened to be a shortage of equipment or an unexpected increase in the number of grinders, it would be common to run over to the neighbors and borrow a mortar and pestal or two. The mortar and pestals in this collection, show that the housewives of those days took a great deal of pride in the upkeep of their household utensils, and they have been passed down to the proud cook of the present with some food for contemplation.

Some of these mortars and pestals have come from as far away as the Sierra Nevada mountains. Some of them passed their day of usefulness in Marion county.

Only a step back in the march of years, any western traveler could easily cultivate the acquaintance of Sitting Bull. It was seldom, however, that the white man's acquaintance was allowed to ripen into friendship. Frequently the white man's Colt-six swung thereafter from the rawhide thong of a bronzed warrior, and his ashes were as indefinite as the famous chief when the government soldiers sought him. Along with the craft of war, Sitting Bull saw to it that his people were cultivated in the arts of the fathers, and it is interesting to note that some of the finest work in Mr. Bush's collection has come from the smoky, dog-infested camps of Sitting Bull.

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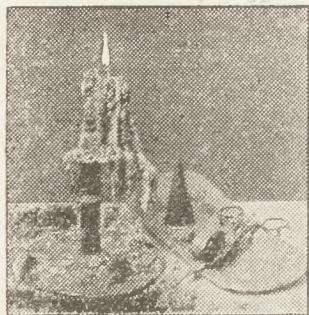
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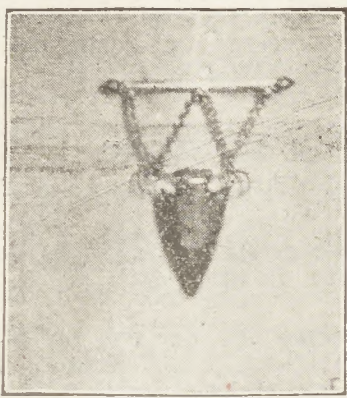
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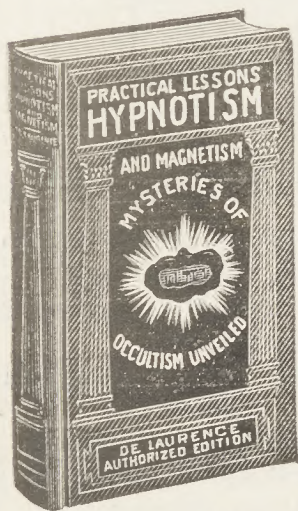
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